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Correspondence with Branch Mints and Assay Offices, 1835-98.

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CORRESPONDENCE WITH BRANCH MINTS
AND ASSAY OFFICES, 1835-98

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VARIOUS BRANCH MINTS, 1878

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 10, 1878.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Meng stating "that you cannot understand whether the 35 porcelain pots at the Mint were to be sent out to San Francisco or to be paid for at your Mint."

By referring to my letter of the 3d instant you will understand that these 35 pots are to be paid for at the prices stated in your letter of the 29th ultimo, $75 for first class and $60 for second class pots. These pots are for the use of your Mint.

The 35 pots for San Francisco are to be sent to your Mint hereafter

for the purpose of being tested prior to shipment, and if found to be first class, the same certified to by your Melter and Refiner before they are accepted for the use of the Government.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

P.S. I have been confined to my room for a week. Have an attack.
The 35 pots at your Mint class one & two as to quality, are to be purchased as recommended by Mr Mr Prof Booth and to be permanently placed in your refinery.
The 35 first class pots for the San Francisco refinery is another matter all that you can do is to test them & see that they are

Porcelain } 53
Jars. 6.

D. M.

10 Jan 1878.

The 35 Porcelain Jars at the Mint to be paid for and kept there.

Mr Remney to furnish more, ~~for testing~~ to supply S.F. Mint with 35 certified by M. & R, as of proper quality.

Dr 16. Dec

Recd 11 Jan 78.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 4, 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2d instant relative to furnishing the Western Mints with collars for the new dollars, you are instructed to cause a sufficient supply to be manufactured to last for some little time, until the question of the expediency of causing them all to be made at your Mint, can be considered and settled.

As both the San Francisco and Carson Mints have presses of the same size as your largest (the Ajax) you will have the collars made for this size press, so there

can be no difficulty in fitting to the presses at the Western Mints.

These collars should be ready to be transmitted with the dies and in the order heretofore named Carson first, and afterwards San Francisco.

Very respectfully
A R Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt Mint
Philadelphia.

The first "A.J.P." Press made was put up at S.F. The second third at Your Mint Nassau, Ma or can tell you whether there is any difference to be considered in preparing the collars. A R L

Silver Dollar Collars | 301

D. M.

4 March 1878.

Ordering collars for Silver Dollars made for Western Mints, "Ajax" presses—

Rec'd 5th Mch 78.

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

April 1st, 1878.

Hon James Pollock

Sir,

In answer to the enquiry "When I expect to have dollar dies ready for the western Mints," I wish to say, that I shall be ready to ship to both Carson City and San Francisco, on Monday the 8th Inst. I would report also that we have completed the new hubs with the corrected radius, and from Mr. Downing I learn, that the dies therefrom, work better, and make a better rim than the first dies, in short work satisfactorily. He has not had enough dies yet from these hubs to judge fairly of the breakage, but the last million dollars was made from 20 dies, an average of 50.000 to a pair of dies. As we had great loss of dies by breakage, before the alteration of our hubs, I consider an average struck from the beginning would not represent our condition properly, or show the effect

of our alteration in the hubs, as taking an average from the beginning to the present including all our first breakage gives an average of 21,000 to a pair of dies, while latterly we have reached 50,000. I think this point of breakage is our remaining difficulty and we are fast overcoming that, and find the altered radius has materially assisted.

After this first shipment to Carson and San Francisco I expect to be in a position to repeat it at an early date if so ordered.

Very Respectfully Yours
Wm Barber
Engraver

P.S. I should have named that I will send 20 dies (10 pairs) to each Mint on Monday

Silver Dollar Dies } 539

Mint of the United States,
PHILADELPHIA.

1 April 1878

W Barber
~~JAMES POLLOCK,~~

~~Superintendent,~~ Engraver

Subject Report on Silver Dollar dies,—working & breakage; new hub gives better results. Will send 10 pairs each to R.J. & C.C. on Ap. 8th

In #538 D.M.

No. of Enclosures,

Recd 1 Ap 78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 20, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philad^a. Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith, copies of dispatches received from San-Francisco and Carson last evening, and from which it appears that the breakage of the new-dollar dies at the former mint is very large, which is no doubt due to unsuccessful hardening.

You will notice what Mr. Dodge says in reference to the person who hardens the dies at his mint. In connection with this point I desire to ask what progress Mr. Hunter is making towards

qualifying himself for hardening the dies at the San Francisco Mint.

If Mr. Charles T. Barber understood thoroughly, the hardening of dies, I incline to the opinion that it would be to the interest of the Government to have him go to the San Francisco Mint and remain there. It would also give him an opportunity for doing better pecuniarily, than where he now is.

I wish you would give this subject your careful consideration and give me your advice as to what had better be done in this very important matter. Of course it will not do to send any one there who is not well qualified to attend to the hardening of dies, etc.

In so far as these despatches re=
=fer to Mr. Scott you will see to it that

no publicity is given.

It will be important to send another lot of ten or fifteen pairs of dies to the San Francisco Mint as soon as they can be got ready.

Respectfully,

H R Linderman

Director.

Silver Dollar Dies & Hardening } 681.
S.F. Mint

D. M.

April 20. 1878

Breakage of dollar dies at S. F. Mint.
What progress is Hunter making in learning to harden dies? Reference to Chas. E. Barber in this connection.
10 to 15 additional pairs dollar dies to be forwarded to the S. F. Mint, as soon as they can be got ready.

Herein #681, A, B, copies of telegrams from S.F. & C.O.

Recd Apl 22/78

copy

(Telegram)

Carson Nev. April 19th 1878

Director Mint
Washington D. C.

Dies are working satisfactorily. We will need an additional supply of dollar dies soon.

(signed) James Crawford
Supt.

681 B.

Copy of Telegram —

Supt Mint C.C., to Dec.
19 April 1878.

Silver Dollar dies working
well. More wanted.

In * 681 Dec.

Recd 23 April 78.

copy

Telegram

San Francisco April 19th 1878

Director Mint
Washington D. C.

Six dies already broken, send more immediately. Scott causes me great anxiety. I shall have another man try a different process of hardening to mor-row.

(signed) H. L. Dodge
Supt.

681 A.

Copy of Telegram.

Supt. Mint S.F., to D.M.
19 April 1878
Relative to breaking of
Silver Dollar dies.

In * 681, D.M.

Rec'd 22 April 78.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 23, 1878.

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent
Sir

Being directed, by you, to report on the capabilities of Mr Hunter to undertake the proper hardening and tempering of dies, I would State that Mr Straub and myself have given him every opportunity of seeing us perform, and also of performing the operation with his own hands, and at the same time carefully drawing his attention to every point, such as the proper degree of heat, the method of packing the dies in carbon, the proper placing of them in the furnace, the principles of tempering, all of which vary with any alteration in the metal we use, in short we have done all that is in our power, daily for the time he has been with us, (Some

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

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6 or 7 weeks) to fit him for the performance of these duties at any other Mint, and as the result we have no hesitation in saying we consider him competent to undertake the same operation on dies satisfactorily at San Francisco.

Very respectfully

Wm Barber

Engraver

A. W. Straub

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., April 24, 1878.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday transmitting a communication from the Engraver of the Mint and Mr. Straub, foreman of the die department, and in which it is certified that Mr. Hunter has fully qualified himself for the duty of hardening and tempering dies.

With this information I am prepared to authorize Mr. Hunter to proceed to the San Francisco Mint for permanent employment thereat, at a per diem compensation of six dollars. The Superintendent at San Francisco will be authorized to pay Mr. Hunter's necessary traveling

expenses from Philadelphia. His compensation at the rate stated will commence the day on which he shall leave for San Francisco. It is desirable that he should start for that city, as early as practicable, say by the first proximo.

On receiving notice that Mr. Hunter accepts these terms I will at once send him the necessary authority.

Please confer with Mr. Hunter at once and let me know his answer, as Superintendent Dodge is anxious to have this matter settled.

Very respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philada.

Die Hardener for S.F. } 705.

D.W.

24 April 1878.

Offering to appoint W. J. Hunter, die Hardener at S.F., @ 76cs per diem, and travelling Expenses; and desiring him to start May 1st.

Recd Apl 25/78

Adams Express Company,

Sixteenth and Market Streets.

FREIGHT DEPOT.
NEW JERSEY EXPRESS.
CENTRAL EXPRESS.

Philadelphia, July 29 1878

Dear Sir,

Referring to your inquiry of Saturday as to a box containing dies value two hundred dollars addressed to the "Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal. I would say that, I telegraphed and have received the following reply " Box arrived evening of the 7th, and was delivered following morning at the mint, and has been overlooked by a clerk."

Respectfully,
C. S. Sedgwick
Agent.

Supt. Phila. Mint.

Dies
S.F.

1149

C S Sedgwick
Agt Adams & Co
Phila
29 July 1878

Box of dies duly
delivered to U.S. Mint.
July 8. 1878

Recd 29 July 78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D.C., July 26th, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint, Philad.a Penna.

Sir:—

We have procured, within the last day or two, a supply of silver sufficient to run the San Francisco and Carson Mints, all of next month; and as we desire to relieve your working force as much as possible during the hot months, over-~~work~~ time will be discontinued on and after the 31st instant.

We desire however, that you will coin all the silver dollars you can during the balance of the month.

Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman,

Director.

Work in July
& Overtime

1128

D. M.

26 July 1878

Overtime to cease
at end of this month
but work to be pushed
till then.

Recd 27 July 78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., July 26, 1878.

Sir:

Mr. Geo. G. Bowers having been appointed to the position of Assayer's Clerk in the New Orleans Mint, I have instructed him to report to you for assignment to duty at your Mint to familiarize himself with the duties of his position.

I will thank you to place him in a position where he can learn to make the calculations of value of deposits, and amount of charges to be deducted from the reports of the Assayer.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

N.O. Mint
Employees
Accounts

1131

D.M.

25 July 1878

Geo. G. Convers to report for instruction for position of Assayer's Clerk in New Orleans Mint.

Recd 27 July 78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., July 26, 1878.

Sir:

I will thank you to have Vouchers made out for Nicholas Dawson, Weigher in the Mint at New Orleans, at the rate of $4.00 per diem, from & including the 25th inst., and R. B. Harrison, Assistant in the Assayer's Department of the same Mint, at $4.00 per diem from the 8th inst (inclusive), have them receipted by the persons named who are on duty at your Mint, and forwarded to this office for settlement from the appropriation for workmen at the Mint at New Orleans.

Very respectfully,

A. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Pay of N. O. Mint Employés } 1130

D. M.

26 July 1878

Desires vouchers for pay for July of N. Dawson & R. R. Harrison of N. O. Mint, on duty at Phila., - prepared & sent to D. M.

Rec'd 27 July 78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., July 24th, 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23d instant enclosing Certificate of deposit for $484.05 in the name of Herman Silver Assayer in Charge U S Mint Denver Colorado has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon James Pollock

Supt Mint U S

Philadelphia

C/D
Denver
Bank

1117

D.M.

24 July 1878

Acknowledging C/D
$484.05, bank from
Denver Mint.

Recd 25 July 78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., July 19, 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared as soon as possible and transmitted to the Mint at San Francisco, the following dies, viz:

Six (6) Half Eagle, Obverse.
Six (6) Quarter Eagle, Obverse.

Very respectfully
A R Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philada.

Dies S.F. } 1094

D.W.

19 July 1878

Ordering dies for S.F. 6 each, obv., Half and Quarter Eagle.

Rec'd 20 July 78.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 25th, 1878.

Sir:

I will thank you to have prepared and forwarded to the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco without delay, twenty four (24) each of Obverse and Reverse dies for Standard Silver Dollars.

Very respectfully
F. Bundeman
Director

Hon James Pollock
Supt Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

Dies 57 } 958

D. M.

25 June 1878.

Ordering 24 pr. Silver Dollar Dies for L.T.

Read 26 June 78.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 10, 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted to the U.S. Mint at Carson, the following dies for the standard silver dollar, viz:

Thirty (30) Obverse.
Thirty (30) Reverse.

Very respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Dies for Carson } 900

Rec'd.
June 10/78

Requisition for 30 pairs dies for Standard Silver Dollars for the Mint at Carson.

Rec'd June 11/78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 1, 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause an additional supply of dies for standard silver dollars to be prepared and transmitted to the Mint at San Francisco, as early as may be practicable.

Very respectfully

H R Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Dies
S.F.

735

D. M.

1 May 1878.

Ordering early supply of Silver Dollar dies for S.F.

Recd 2 May 78.

E.O.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Aug. 9, 1878.

Sir:

I will thank you to have Vouchers in duplicate prepared and receipted by the employees of the New Orleans Mint detailed for duty at your Mint, covering their compensation for the current month, and forward the same to this office about the 15th inst.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Pay
N.O. mint
Employés

1217

A.D.M.
R. E. Preston
9 Aug 1878

Requesting vouchers for pay N.O. mint employés for Aug, forwarded about 15th inst.

Rec'd 10 Aug 78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., July 29, 1878.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 27th inst. forwarding accounts in duplicate of Nicholas Dawson and R. B. Harrison, employés of the New Orleans Mint, at present detailed for duty at your Mint, for services during the month of July, I have to inform you that the same have been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement, drafts to be sent to your care.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Pay of Employees N O Mint

1151

A. D. M.
R. E. Preston
29 July 1878

Bills of N Dawson and R B Harrison (of N. O. Mint) referred, & drafts will be forwarded.

Recd 30 July 78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., August, 10, 1878.

Sir:

This will be handed you by Mr. Aurelius Parker, who has recently been appointed to the position of Bookkeeper in the New Orleans Mint, and who, at the request of the Superintendent of that Mint, has been detailed for duty at your institution to familiarize himself with the duties of his position.

I will thank you to place him under the supervision of Mr. Cowperthwaite, your bookkeeper, with instructions to afford him such information as he requires.

He will be governed by the regulations

of your Mint the same as any of your employés.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

N.O. Mint
Employee
A. Parker

1238

A.D.M.
R. E. Preston
10 Aug. 1878

Introducing A. Parker,
Book Keeper N.O. Mint,
for instruction.

Rec'd 14 Aug 78.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., August 13, 1878.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 12th inst. enclosing Vouchers of the employés of the New Orleans Mint detailed at your Mint covering their compensation for the month of August, I have to request that you will inform them that their Vouchers will be sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans for payment, and that drafts for the amounts of their respective bills will be sent them about the 30th instant.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. Philadelphia Mint.

Pay N.O. Mint Employés

1239

A.D.M.
R. E. Preston.
13 Aug. 1878.

Bills of N.O. Mint employés for Aug. ~~rec'd~~ ~~and~~ will be sent to N.O. and drafts ~~may be~~ expected about 30th inst.

Rec'd 14 Aug. '78.

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

August 17th 1878.

Mr. James Pollock,
Superintendent -

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. R. D. Brown's letter to you, of 14th inst, handed me by you this morning, in reference to a slight difference ~~between~~ two (2) Silver Dollars, one from this Mint, and one from the Carson City Mint - and asking explanation of this difference. has been so

As you are aware, the dies now used for the new Silver Dollar are slightly different, from those first used, in the particular named by you Mr. Brown - The branch of Olive, and the arrows as originally engraved have been slightly altered, amongst other alterations,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

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Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

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to enable the work to come up better in striking, and to add to the symmetry of the piece. All the dies now in use, in this, the San Francisco, and the Carson City Mints, have been struck from the same "hub", and are therefore alike - so that in future issues of this piece there will be no difference.

I might add that in the issuance of a new piece of money, it always requires time to perfect the designs, and the preparation of the dies. This should be done before any pieces are issued, but in the case of the new dollar it was not done, and subsequent alterations were unavoidable, because found to be necessary.

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt. Servant
Ch. Bosbyshell Coiner

Silver Dollar Difference } 1249

O. C. Bosbshell
Comer
17 Aug 1878

Explaining cause of difference in Silver Dollars as per mint details

Recd 17 Aug 78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., October 24, 1878.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint Ug. Philada.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted to the Mint at Carson the following dies for the calendar year 1879, viz:

Double Eagle	10	obverse	0	reverse
Eagle	5	"	0	"
Half Eagle	6	"	3	"
Standard Silver dollar	20	"	10	"

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

1713

A. D. M.
(Preston)
Oct 24/78

Requisition for dies for the Mint at Carson for the Calendar year 1879.
41 Obverse
13 Reverse

Rec'd Oct 25/78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., October 16th, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint. Philad.a Pa.

Sir:

Leave of absence for fifteen (15) days from the 7th proximo is granted Messrs. Schnetz and Levy employe's of the New Orleans Mint, now on duty at Philad.a.

This leave is granted for the purpose of enabling them to make preparations for their departure for New Orleans.

You will please notify them accordingly.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

1671

A. D. M.
(Preston)
Oct 16/78

Granting leave of absence to Messrs. Schultze & Levy of the N. U. Mint for 15 days from Nov. 7, 1878

Recd Oct 17/78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D.C., Sept 25th, 1878.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco ten (10) obverse double Eagle dies without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

1509

D.M.

25 Sept 1878

Ordering 10 obverse D.C. dies for S.F. Mint at once.

Recd 26 Sept 78.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17th, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U.S. Mint Philad.a Penna.

Sir:—

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. I have to request that you will forward the vouchers for the month of Sept.r, for Compensation of the employés of the mint at New Orleans, La. now on duty at your mint to this office.

Respectfully.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

1456

Dr. M.
Sept 17/78

September
vouchers for N.C.
employes to be
forwarded to
Dr. C.

Rec'd Sept 18/78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D.C., Sept. 5th, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. in regard to the Draft of the Employés of the New Orleans Mint, now on duty at your Mint, I have to state that the same will be transmitted to-day by the Treasurer.

Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

1368

A.D.M.
R. E. Preston,
5 Sept 1878.

Draft for New Orleans Mint employés will be forwarded this day.

Rec'd 6 Sept 78

Prov, Sept. 5, 1878.

James Pollock

Sir, — Will you inform me on the following questions. 1st. What is the year during which the New Orleans mint first coined half-dollars; Also the last year of the same mints half-dollar coinage.

2nd. What is the year during which the San Francisco mint first coined half-dollars.

3rd. What is the year during which the Carson City mint first coined half-dollars.

4th. Do the San Francisco, and Carson City mints sell proof-sets, with their mint

marke, "S" and "C C" on them.
and could I get them by
sending to San Francisco
and Carson City. Hoping
that these questions will
not cause you any trouble
in answering them, I remain,

Yours, Respectfully,

Chas. R. I. Goddard
#23 Hammond St.
Providence,
R. I.

Information } 1375

A. R. J. Goddard,
Providence R.I.
5 Sept, 1878.

Various inquiries about dates of coinage and proofs.

Recd 6 Sept. '78.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., August 26, 1878.

Sir:

Please forward a Voucher in duplicate covering the compensation of F. K. Jones, Deposit Melter at the New Orleans Mint, detailed for instruction at your Mint, for the month of August, at the rate of $4.00 pr. diem from the 16th inst.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock,

Supt. U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

F. K. Jones
N.O. Mint

1304

A.D.M.
R. E. Preston.
26 Aug 1878.

Requesting vouchers, pay F. K. Jones of N.O. Mint, for Aug.

Rec'd 27 Aug 78.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., October 24, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. Mint U.S. Philada.
Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted to the Mint at San Francisco, the following coinage dies for the calendar year 1879, viz:

Double Eagle	35	Obverse	10	Reverse
Eagle	10	"	0	"
Half Eagle	10	"	0	"
Quarter-Eagle	10	"	0	"
Three dollar	2	"	0	"
Trade dollar	10	"	0	"
Standard dollar	35	"	15	"

Half dollar	15	Obverse	0	Reverse
Quarter dollar	15	"	0	"
Dime	15	"	0	"

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

1712

A. D. C.
(Preston)
Oct 24/78

Requisition for
dies for the Mint at
San Francisco for
the Calendar year 1879.
157 Obverse
25 Reverse

Rec'd Oct 25/78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D.C., November 1st, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent U.S. Mint, Phila. Pa.

Sir:

Leave of absence for two weeks from the 7th inst. is granted Nicholas Dawson, an employe of the New Orleans Mint now on duty in Phila.

You will please notify Mr. Dawson that at the expiration of his leave, unless otherwise instructed, he will report to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans for duty.

Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

1763

A. D. M.

R. E. Preston
1 Nov. 1878.

Leave for 2 weeks from 7th inst. granted N. L. Larrow of N.O. Mint - who is then to report at A.G. unless otherwise ordered.

Recd 2 Nov 78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., October 30th, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint, Philad.a Pa.

Sir:

Leave of absence is granted J. K. Jones, an employé of the New Orleans Mint, now on duty in Philad.a, from the 7th proximo.

You will please inform Mr. Jones that he will, unless otherwise instructed, report to the Supt. of the Mint at N.O. for duty by the first of December next.

Very Respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

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A. D. M.

R. E. Preston,
30 Oct. 1878.

Leave of absence from Nov 7 granted F. K. Jones, of N.O. Mint. He is to report at N.O. Dec. 1st unless otherwise ordered.

Rec'd. 31 Oct. 78.

No. 1.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., November 19, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. Mint, U.S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of "Regulations for the purchase of gold bullion at the Mint at Denver"

I also enclose for your information copies of telegrams and extracts from letters to the Superintendent of that Mint embracing additional instructions.

You will please receive gold bullion mailed from the Denver Mint and account for it in the same manner as you have heretofore with that received from Charlotte.

The Assayer at Charlotte received

the same instructions as at Denver in respect to the charges for parting bullion containing over 100 ‰ base metal, and for toughening; and also the purchasing rate fixed for the present at 97 ¢ per standard ounce of silver contained.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

1884.

A. D. M.

R. S. Preston

19 Nov. 1878.

Forwarding regulations for purchase of gold bullion at Denver, & other papers. Bullion to be received and accounted for in the same manner as that from Charlotte A. O.

Enclosures, A & B.

Rec'd 20 Nov. '78.

No. 2

Regulations for the purchase of Gold bullion at the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado and the transfer of the same to the Mint at Philadelphia, for coinage on account of the United States.

1. Gold bullion of a fineness less than 600 m will not be purchased.

2. Where the bullion contains silver in quantity sufficient to warrant it to be parted on account of the depositor, a charge of four cents per ounce gross will be deducted and the parted silver credited to the seller.

3. The charge for melting and assaying will be one tenth of one per cent on the gross value of the deposit which will also be deducted from the value of the bullion.

4. Bullion purchased under these regulations will, from time to time be transmitted by mail to the Philadelphia Mint in registered packages not exceeding four pounds avoirdupois.

5. A deduction will be made from each purchase sufficient to pay the expense of transmitting the bullion to the Mint at Philadelphia.

6. The bullion when received at the Philadelphia Mint will be assayed, parted, coined and accounted for according to law.

7. A bullion fund of $20,000 in U.S. legal tender notes and standard silver dollars will be furnished the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at Denver upon the requisition of the Director of the

Mint, and additional amounts in sums not exceeding $20,000 as may from time to time be required to pay for such gold bullion as may offer.

8. Subject to the deductions herein prescribed gold bullion will be paid for at its coining value in U.S. legal tender notes or standard silver dollars at par.

9. Detailed instructions for carrying these regulations into effect will be given by the Director of the Mint.

(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Approved Oct. 5, 1878
(Signed) John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

1884 A.

D.M.

Approved by Sec Treasury
5th Oct. 1878.

Regulations for Purchase of Gold Bullion at the Denver Mint, and its transfer to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Dr 51 acdm.

Recd 20 Nov '78.

No. 3.

Copy

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., October 5, 1878.

To H. Silver
Assayer in Chg Mint, Uf. Denver.

x x x "Silver allowed to the depositor is calculated on the basis of refining the gold to 990 fn. In all deposits where the silver calculated on the above basis amounts to 50 ¢ after the parting charge of 4¢ per ounce gross has been deducted, it will be allowed to the depositor, but if, after the parting charge has been deducted from the value of the silver, 50¢ does not remain, no allowance will be made for silver to the depositor."

(Telegram) October 21.

"Until further notice silver contained

in gold deposits will be calculated at the rate of ninety seven (97) cents per standard ounce."

November 5,

"When a deposit of partible bullion contains over 100 ~~m~~ of base metal an additional parting charge of one cent per ounce gross will be made."

"When the character of a deposit is such as to require toughening, a charge for that operation will be made of from ½ to 2¢ per ounce according to the condition of the deposit; and on a deposit requiring toughening, of less weight than five ounces, the charge will be imposed as if the weight was five ounces."

"When a deposit of less value than $100 is received, the melting and assaying

charge of 1/10 of one per cent will be imposed as if the value was $100."

(Telegram) November 11.

"Toughening charge to be made on brittle gold where the alloy is other metal than copper."

1884 B.

Copy

Additional Instructions from Office of Director of the Mint to Deliver Mint, relative to Allowances & Charges on Deposits

5 Oct to 11 Nov 1878,

In ✱ aow

Recd 20 Nov. 78.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., November 21, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans enclosing a letter from the Coiner accompanied by diagrams of machinery, and stating that a copy of the Coiner's letter and parts of the presses had been forwarded to you by Express.

You are authorized to comply with the request of the Coiner as signified by his letter and I will thank you to cause also to be prepared the following dies for the calendar year

1879, for the use of the New Orleans Mint, viz:

Double Eagle	5 obverse	5 reverse
Eagle	5 "	5 "
Half Eagle	5 "	5 "
Quarter Eagle	5 "	5 "

Standard Silver dollar. 20 obverse 20 reverse.

The diagrams of machinery are herewith enclosed as they may be of use to your machinists.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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A. D. M.

R. E. Preston,

21 Nov. 1878.

Authorizing compliance with request of Comer of N.O. Mint relative to dies, and forwarding drawings. Ordering dies for 1879 for same Mint.

Rec'd 22 Nov. 78.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., November 26, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S. Philadelphia
Sir:

It has been decided to detail for temporary duty at the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, Messrs. A. E. Outerbridge, Saml James and John Reed of your Mint.

You will please instruct these gentlemen to report in person to the Superintendent at New Orleans as soon after the 1st proximo as will be practicable for them to do so.

Their actual traveling expenses from Philadelphia to New Orleans and return will be paid from the appropriation for that Mint and also their compensation

from date of leaving Philadelphia until their return, at the rate of seven (7) dollars per diem.

Very respectfully
R. A. Preston
Acting Director.

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A.D.M.
R. S. Preston
26 Nov. 1878

Detailing for temporary duty at N.O. Mint, Messrs A.E. Cutbridge, Saml James, and John Reed

Rec'd 27 Nov. '78

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., November 26, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I forward you by Express to-day a package containing one fine gold bar $4\frac{93}{100}$ ounces (cornets), for which I will thank you to transmit to the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at Denver an equal value in fine proof gold.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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A.D.M.

R. E. Preston

26 Nov. 1878.

Forwarding small gold bar, for returns in proof gold to Assayer at Denver Mint.

See Assayer Du Bois letter 18 Dec.

Rec'd 27 nov. '78.

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN, AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

No. 180. [DOMESTIC BILL OF LADING.] Washington, D. C., Nov. 26 1878

RECEIVED of Director of Mint

One package VALUE $100

For which this Company charges

Marked Hon James Ballard Superintendent U.S. Mint

Which it is mutually agreed is to be forwarded to our Agency nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there delivered to other parties to complete the transportation.

It is part of the consideration of this contract, and it is agreed, that the said Express Company are Forwarders only, and are not to be held liable or responsible for any loss or damage to said property while being conveyed by the Carriers to whom the same may be by said Express Company intrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants; nor, in any event, shall the holder hereof demand beyond the sum of Fifty Dollars at which the article forwarded is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, or unless specially insured by them, and so specified in this receipt, which insurance shall constitute the limit of the liability of the Adams Express Company. And if the same is intrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorized to do), such Company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the shipper or owner, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be, in any event, responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such Company or person, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained, shall extend to and inure to the benefit of each and every Company or person to whom the Adams Express Company may intrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or person. In no event shall the Adams Express Company be liable for any loss or damage, unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at this office, within thirty days after this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed. All articles of Glass or contained in Glass, or any of a fragile nature, will be taken at Shipper's risk only, and the shipper agrees that the Company shall not be held responsible for any injury by breakage or otherwise, nor for damage to goods not properly packed and secured for transportation. It is further agreed, that said Company shall not, in any event, be liable for any loss, damage, or detention caused by the acts of God, Civil or Military Authority, or by Rebellion, Piracy, Insurrection, or Riot, or the dangers incident to a time of war, or by any riotous or armed assemblage. If any sum of money, besides the charge for transportation, is to be collected from the consignee on delivery of the above-described property, and the same is not paid within thirty days from the date hereof, the shipper agrees that this Company may return said property to him at the expiration of that time, subject to the conditions of this receipt, and that he will pay the charges for transportation both ways, and that the liability of this Company for such property while in its possession for the purpose of making such collection, shall be that of Warehousemen only.

FREIGHT, ~~Collect~~ Charge Trans. For the Company, N. Bishop

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., November 29, 1878.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. Mint U.S. Philada.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th instant enclosing a communication from your Assayer relative to a difference between the stamped value of the first four consignments of gold bars purchased on Government account at the Mint at Denver and the net value of the same as ascertained by assay at your Mint.

The following is the plan adopted by the Assayer at Denver in making purchases of gold bullion, viz:

All gold deposits are received and

treated in the name of the depositor and the resulting bar or bars returned to him; they therefore are stamped with the gross value. If he desires to sell the same they are then purchased, the proper deductions for parting and shipping made from the stamped value and the depositor paid the net value in legal tender notes.

The Assayer paid for these four consignments $12,337.97, $19.08 less than the net value as ascertained at your mint; of this 19.08 a portion is the earnings of the Denver mint for melting and assaying (1/10 %) and a portion the amount deducted for postage paid.

The net value ascertained at your mint is the amount the Assayer at Denver is credited with and is also

the amount that will be transferred from the bullion fund of the Denver Mint to that of your Mint.

You will observe from the above that the Mint charges are being collected at Denver.

I will thank you to exhibit this letter to your Assayer.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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A. D. M.
R. E. Preston,
29 Nov. 1878.

Explaining estimation of gold bars shipped from Denver Mint.

Rec'd 30 Nov. '78.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Feby 17th, 1880.

Sir:

I have requested that transfers be made from the bullion fund of the Mints at San Francisco, Carson and New Orleans, to that of your Mint of the following named assay coins for the Calendar year 1879. viz

Mint U S San Francisco	Gold	$28.980.	Silver $4.555.
" " Carson City	"	360	" 378
" " New Orleans	"	80	" 1462
Total		29420—	6395

Very respectfully

Horatio C Burchard

Director

A London Snowden Esqr

Supt Mint of the U S

Philadelphia

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D. M.

Washington D.C.
Feb 17/80

H. C. Burchard

Has requested the transfer of the annual assay coins of 1879 from the other Mints

Rec'd Feb. 18th 1880.

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

Washington, D. C., May 3, 1881

Sir:

I have received by Express the following Special Assay Coins reserved from the coinage of your Mint during the month of April 1881, viz:

Three Eagles	$10.—	30.—
Four Half Eagles	5.—	20.—
Three Standard Silver Dollars	1.—	3.—

These coins are sent by registered mail by the New Orleans, San Francisco and Carson Mints, I would respectfully suggest that you forward those of your Mint in the same manner to save the cost of expressage.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

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D. M.
Wash. D. C.
May 3/81

H. C. Buchard

Rec'd by Express, Text
Copy for April, 1881,
To be sent by
Regis'd mail Newspr.

Rec'd - May 4th 1881.

VARIOUS BRANCH MINTS, 1879 – 1897

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., November 6, 1895.

RECEIVED
NOV 7 1895
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

Sir:-

I have requested Mr. W. E. Morgan, Coiner of your Mint, before returning from Carson, Nevada to visit the Mint at San Francisco and examine into the coining operations thereof.

I will thank you to give him the enclosed letter.

Respectfully ypurs,

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint.

463 MINT of U. S. PHILADELPHIA. RECEIVED NOV 7. 1895

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Nov. 6", 1895

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint.

SUBJECT:

Enclosure letter for Wm E. Morgan Coiner.

No. of Inclosures,

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., March 20, 1897

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I find it impracticable to have a press brought from Carson for the Tennessee Centennial, and do not deem it advisable to bring the small press now at New Orleans. It will therefore be necessary to rely upon your Mint for the coining press. Will you kindly give me such information as may be necessary to prepare the foundation for setting up the same.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint.

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MINT of U. S.
PHILADELPHIA.
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Treasury Department

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

March 20, 1897.

R E Preston

Director of the Mint.

SUBJECT:

It will not be practicable to bring a coining press either from Carson City or New Orleans for use at Tennessee Centennial, will therefore likely, one Phila. Mint for one.

Ans'd

No. of Inclosures, ...

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

November 20th, 1884.

Hon. A. London Snowden,

Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to state that No. 10 Coining Press has been taken down, and is now being boxed preparatory to shipment to the New Orleans International Exhibition, agreeably to the request of the Director.

In view of the fact that there is but one modern press in the Mint at New Orleans, hence the almost certainty of the Press now ready to leave here, being retained in that Mint at the close of the Exhibition, and also owing to the large coinage of Silver most likely to be put upon our Mint here,

Sub. Nov. 20/84
No. 7

here, by reason of the crowded condition of the vaults at the San Francisco Mint, I most respectfully urge the necessity of securing a new Press for our own use.

Should my suggestion meet with approval then I would further suggest that a Press corresponding in size to the "Ajax Press" be ordered, with the working parts increased somewhat in size. the ball and cap at least two (2) inches larger in diameter, and the pins in the beam one (1) inch larger in diameter than those in the "Ajax".

Even supposing that No. 10 Press will be returned, our Coining facilities would be only the more efficient with a new Press of the kind indicated, and not in excess of the requirements

Supt. Nw. 20/86
No. 3.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

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quirements which will be probably placed upon this Mint.

Sam Sir

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
O. C. Bosbyshell
Coiner

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

Nov 20th, 1884.

O. C. Bashpell

Coiner.

Suggesting that a new Coining press be procured to take the place of the one sent to New Orleans Exposition

No. of Enclosures,

Recd Nov 20/84

Charlotte Mint
N. C.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., September 15th, 1883.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant in regard to bids received by you for the old Mint machinery from New Orleans and Charlotte, and in reply have to say that if in your judgment the same is worth no more than the price of old iron, you are authorized to accept the highest bid received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Alfred Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint,

Philadelphia.

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A. D. C.
Wash D. C.
Sept 15 1883

R. E. Preston

To accept the highest bid, as advised, for the old machinery from the N. C. Mint & Charlotte N. C.

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SEP 17 1883
U. S. MINT, PHILA.

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., December 14th, 1883.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant in regard to the payment of the expressage on shipments of bullion from the Boise Assay Office to your Mint I have to inform you that the same will be paid at the Department, as is the case with the bullion received by you from Denver and Charlotte, upon the presentation at this Office of an account by the Express Company with your receipt for the bullion.

Very respectfully,

[illegible] Burchard

Director

Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

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D. M.
Wash. D. C.
Dec. 14/83

H. C. Buchard

Express charges on Gold Bullion for the Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, will be paid at the Department, same as from Denver & Charlotte

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DEC 15 1883
U. S. MINT, PHILA.

S.

In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, February 23, 1884.

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith Transfer orders as stated below, covering the transfer of gold and silver coin for annual assay of 1883, as stated therein, viz:

No. 11802, of this date, in your favor on Mint of the United States, Carson, Nev. for $2.027.=

No. 11803, of this date, in your favor on Mint of the United States, New Orleans, La. for $4.371.=

No. 11804, of this date, in your favor on Mint of the United States, San Francisco, Cal. for $27.705.=

Please indorse and return same in the usual manner.

Very respectfully,

Treasurer U.S.

Hon. A. L. Snowden,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Treas. U.S.
Wash. D.C.
Feb 22/84

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Sends T. O.'s Nos.
11802, '3, & 4, and
Annual Assay Cirs

Rec'd
Feb 25/84

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FEB 25 1884
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

5th July, 1883.

Sir

I beg leave to submit the following correct list of coinage and medal dies manufactured during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1883.

Denomination	Phila	San Francisco	Carson	New Orleans	Total
Double Eagle	—	40	6	—	46
Eagle	16	20	16	4	56
Half Eagle	8	20	4	—	32
Three Dollar	—	—	—	—	—
Quarter Eagle	—	—	—	—	—
Dollar	4	—	—	—	4
Total	28	80	26	4	138

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

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Denomination	Phila	San Francisco	Carson	New Orleans	Total
Standard dollar	127	105	20	92	344
Half dollar	—	—	—	—	—
Quarter dollar	1	—	—	—	1
Dime	115	—	—	—	115
Total	243	105	20	92	460
For Minor Coinage					
Five Cent	1493	—	—	—	1493
Three Cent	12	—	—	—	12
One Cent	190	—	—	—	190
Total	1695	—	—		1695

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

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Total number of Dies

Gold Coinage	138
Silver Coinage	460
Minor Coinage	1695
Proof Coinage	40
Army Marksmanship Medals	8
Life Saving Medals	3
Presidential Medal	2
Indian Peace	1
Annual Assays	1
	2348

Forwarded
Apl to Appr.
1/24.83 J.P.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Chas. E. Barber
Engraver

Hon A Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

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U.S. Mint at
Philadelphia
July 5. 1883

Chas. E. Barber
Engraver

Statement of
Coinage & Medal
Dies manufactured
during the Fiscal Year
Ending June 30/83.

RECEIVED
JUL 21 1883
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

ASSAY DEPARTMENT,

October 18, 1890.

Hon: A. London Snowden

Superintendent

Sir

The younger assayers in my department complain to me, and I think it just to represent the matter to you, that while at the other Mints and Assay-Offices, San Francisco, New Orleans, and New York, the persons in the same position are designated as second & third assistants, here they are simply called weighers. Weighing, however critical and important, is not half of what they do, or are expected to learn; and more properly belongs to adjusters. As a new Register is about to ~~to~~ be made up and printed, and as this matter is at your discretion, I beg leave to suggest the improvement, on the pay-roll and Register, of calling Patterson DuBois second assistant, and A. E. Outerbridge third assistant. it being understood that J. B. Eckfeldt is the official assistant. I also ask that Mr Hare be called "Foreman," instead of "Laboratory."

Very respectfully

W. E. DuBois

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U. S. Mint, Assay Department,
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

Oct 18, 1880.

W. E. DuBois
Assayer.

Recommends change in the title of "Weigher" to "Assistant", and "Laboratory" to "Foreman"

Filed for endorsement & registry, Nov. 12. 1880.

No. of Enclosures,

Recd. Oct. 21st 1880.

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., October 19, 1880

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint, of the sum of $5,835,757.01, payable in 313,671,939 ozs standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

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D. M.

Wash D.C.
Oct 19/80

H C Buchanan

Has acquainted the
Com N.Y. Assay
Office of Gold
313,671,939. Std 071
= $5,353,757.01

Rec'd Oct. 20th 1880.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., September 6th, 1882.

Sir:

I would respectfully request that you will furnish the Assay Office at Charlotte and the Mint at Denver with an original and a duplicate of memorandums of gold bullion deposited by them with you, as the Comptroller requires that one copy shall be forwarded as a voucher showing the charges paid you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint,

Philadelphia.

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A. D. M.

Washington, D.C.
Sept. 6. 1882

R. E. Preston.

Hereafter, original & dup. Memos. to be forwarded to Dahlonega Mint & Charlotte Assay Office, for Gold Bullion deposited.

RECEIVED
SEP 7 1882
U.S. MINT PHILA.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., August 14th, 1880.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your telegram, of current date, in relation to the amount of silver purchased on the 12th inst. from Messrs Handy and Crouse, for delivery at your Mint, and the rate to be paid therefor I have to state that the only offer of Messrs Handy & Crouse, received at this office, for your Mint was, to deliver 150 000 ounces at 114.52 which, with the approval of the Secretary, was accepted.

Immediately after the receipt of your dispatch today I received one from Messrs H. & C. as follows. "Our second telegram Thursday reduced offer to Philadelphia to one hundred & forty seven was misdirected to Philadelphia, we are willing to stand by our offer which

you received and acted on, of fifty for New Orleans and one hundred and fifty for Philadelphia at rate named or at rate of second dispatch"

Messrs Handy and Cronise having expressed a willingness to deliver 150000 ounces @ 114.47 the rate named in the misdirected dispatch, which has not been received at this office, you will receive and settle with them at the reduced rate, viz: 114.47 per ounce

Yours,

Very respectfully.
R. O. Preston
Acting Director

A. London Snowden Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

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A. Dell.
Wash. D.C.
Aug. 14/80

R. E. Preston

Fixing price of
150,000, ozs. silver
from Handy & Co
at 114.47 per oz fine,
instead of 114.52.

Rec'd Aug. 16th 1880.

New York August 12th R. E. Preston
Acting Director U.S. Mint Washington D.C.
We offer Fifty New Orleans fourteen Eighty
two and one hundred and fifty all or
part Philadelphia fourteen fifty two
(Sgd) N & H.

A true Copy
Frank D. Gross

DWH

In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, March 1, 1882

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith Transfer orders, as below, all dated February 28th, and in your favor covering the transfer of gold and silver coins for "Annual Assay of 1881" as stated therein; viz.

No. 10583	on Mint U.S., San Francisco	Gold		$29,085.-
" 10584	" Do.	Do.	Standard Silver Dollars	6,380.-
" 10585	" Mint U.S., New Orleans,	Gold		90.-
" 10586	" Do.	Do.	Standard Silver Dollars	2,872.-
" 10587	" Mint U.S., Carson,	Gold,		345.-
" 10588	" Do.	Do.	Standard Silver Dollars	172.-

Please receipt the Transfer orders and return the same with your next transcript of my Bullion Fund account as vouchers for the credits given therein.

Hon. A. London Snowden,
Superintendent Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Very respectfully,
Jas. D. Fillmore
Treasurer U.S.

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Treas. U. S.
Wash. D. C.
March 1/82

Jas Gilfillan

Sends T. C.'s note
10,583 to 10,588, in-
-clusive, for annual
assay coins presented
S. F., N. O. & Carson
Mints for 1881.

Rec'd March 2nd 1882.

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In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States.

Washington, February 21st 1880.

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith Transfer Orders dated February 20. in your favor, as stated below, covering the transfer of annual Assay Coins from the Mints Mentioned therein, viz:

No. 9192.	Mint U.S. San Francisco	for $28,980.	Gold Coin.
" 9193.	" " " "	" $4,555.	Stand. Sil. Dollars.
" 9194.	" " Carson	" $360.	Gold Coin.
" 9195.	" " "	" $378.	Stand. Sil. Dollars.
" 9196.	" " New Orleans	" $80.	Gold Coin.
" 9197.	" " " "	" $1,167.	Stand. Sil. Dollars.

Please receipt the Transfer Orders and return them in the usual manner.

Very respectfully

Jas. Gilfillan

Treasurer U.S.

A. London Snowden.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.
Feb 21/80

Jas. Gillespie

Enclosing T.O.'s
9192 @ 9197 for
annual assay coins
from the Mint and
N.O. Mint.

Rec'd Feb. 24th 1880.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

(Taken from statements rendered by the Mints) , 188

Summary - Assay Coins. 1879

San Francisco.-

D. Eagles.	1224 pieces	=	$ 24.480.
Eagles	225 "	=	2.250.
1/2 Eagles	428 "	=	2.140.
1/4 Eagles	44 "	=	110. $ 28.980.
Standard Dollars -			$ 4.555.

Carson City.

Double Eagles -	12 pieces -		$ 240.
Eagles	2 "		20.
1/2 Eagles	20 "		100. $ 360.
Standard Dollars.			$ 378.

New Orleans.

Double Eagles -	3 pieces.		$ 60.
Eagles -	2 "		20. $ 80.
Standard Dollars -			$ 1.462

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

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General Summary.

San Francisco -	Gold	$ 28.980 -	Silver	$ 4,555 -
Carson City -	"	360 -	"	378 -
New Orleans -	"	80 -	"	1.462 -
	Total	$ 29.420 -		$ 6,395 -

Philada - Gold $ 10.030 - Silver $ 7.422.30

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 18, 1886.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to cause the following amounts to be transferred from the Bullion Funds of the Mints at San Francisco, Carson, and New Orleans to the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Philadelphia, same being the value of the coins of those institutions reserved during the calendar year 1885 and forwarded to Philadelphia for test at the annual assay, and now in your official custody:

	Gold	Silver
San Francisco	$22,020	$751.30
Carson	220	114.
New Orleans		4,593.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Feby 18, 1886

Preston.

Acting Director.

The following amts. to be Drafts. from Bul. Funds of Mints at San Francisco, Carson & N.O. to Mint at Phila. Same being value of coins reserved during 1885 and forwarded for Test at annual assay

	Gold.	Silver.
San Francisco.	$22.020	$757.30
Carson	.220	114
N.O.		4.593

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FEB 19 1886
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

No. of Enclosures,

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In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, October 11th, 1879.

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith Transfer Orders No. 8862. for $39.866.28 and No. 8863. for $990.11 both in your favor and payable respectively by the Assayer in charge Mint U. S. Denver Colorado, and the Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office. Charlotte. N.C. in bullion heretofore forwarded to your Office.

Please receipt the Transfer Orders and return the same to this Office with your next transcript of my "Bullion Fund Account" as vouchers for the credits given therein.

Very respectfully

Jas. L. Slocum

Treasurer U.S.

A.L. Snowden.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia. Pa

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Treasurer U. S.
Washington D. C.
Oct 11/79

Jas. Gilfillan

Enclosing T. O. #8862
$39,866.98, U.S. gold
from Denver Mint
& #8863 $990.11
do. from Charlotte
N. C. —

Rec'd Oct. 13th 1879.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Oct 27, 1879.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23rd instant, requesting attention to the fact that you have not as yet received orders to prepare dies for the Mints at New Orleans and Carson, for the next calendar year.

This Office has not been informed of the number of reverse dies on hand at the above named institutions, which can be used in 1880; but you will in the meantime prepare and transmit the following dies, viz:

To the Mint at Carson.

Half Eagle	5 obverse	5 reverse
Standard Silver dollar	5 "	5 "

To the Mint at New Orleans.

Half Eagle	5 obverse	5 reverse
Standard Silver dollar	10 "	10 "

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philada.

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D. M.
Washington D.C.
Oct. 27/79

H. C. Burchard

Partial requisition for Dies for 1880, for the Mints at Carson and New Orleans.

Rec'd - Oct. 28th 1879.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., November 4, 1879.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 27th ultimo, making requisition for dies for the Mints at Carson and New Orleans, I have to request that you will cause the following dies for 1880 to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at New Orleans, in addition to those named in the letter referred to.

Eagle 5 obverse

Standard Silver dollar 10 obverse 10 reverse.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

A. L. Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philada.

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D. M.
Washington D.C.
Nov. 4/79

Lt. C. V. Bouchard

Requisition for 25 dies of 1880 pattern
N. C. Mint,

Rec'd Nov. 5th 1879.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 18, 1886.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction statements of Deposits and Purchases for the months of October, November, and December, 1885. No entries are to be made on these statements except those printed on them, and no changes are to be made in the printed classifications of the sheets; for the reason that these statements are entered in books kept in this Office, from which are compiled the annual statements for the reports.

Under "Redeposits" you will enter as "Unparted Mint Bars" all redeposits

of unparted bars, without regard to the institution depositing them, and under "Fine Bars", the same for fine bars.

The transfer from Carson City, entered on the October statement, should be entered as a redeposit,— if it was in fine bars, under "Fine Bars", and if unparted mint bars, under that classification.
The same for the transfer from the New York Assay Office.

Trade dollars should be entered under "United States Coin", and a note made on the bottom of the statement showing the amount of trade dollars included in the entry.

Please return these statements at the earliest practicable

moment.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

Hon. D. M. Fox,
Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia.

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Jan 18, 1886.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Returns for correction
Statements of Deposits
& Purchases - for months
of Oct. Nov. & Dec 1885.
Statement to be returned
as soon as practicable

RECEIVED
JAN 19 1886
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

No. of Enclosures,

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., December 23, 1885.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant asking that in future the gold and silver certificates for the use of your mint be furnished in books with stubs, instead of loose sheets, I would say that, while I have no particular objection to doing so, it does not seem to me really necessary since the ledger entries and depositors receipt book should be a sufficient guarantee of safety in the payment of deposits.

Ordinary Expense warrants (a sample enclosed to show what you wish in relation to these certificates) are no longer being printed for the reason that they have been found to greatly encumber the files and to be of no corresponding benefit. Experience shows that every account rendered would be nearly doubled in bulk if these warrants had not been discontinued.

The additional labor involved in duplicating the certificates upon the stubs, seems to me a strong reason against adopting them as in the San Francisco mint and in

the New York Assay Office, where deposits have been known to exceed one hundred a day, the employment of additional clerical service for this purpose would occasionally be rendered necessary.

Upon the whole I would prefer to leave these blanks unchanged as I cannot see that any benefit will result to offset the increased expense and labor which the change would involve.

You know my objection to what may be called Stub-book Keeping. After considering the objections, as above, pray consider the matter as in your own discretion. The blanks

will be ordered if you decide to make requisition.

Very respectfully,

Jas. P. Kimball

Director

Hon Daniel M. Fox.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia Pa

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Washington D.C.
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Kimball.

Relative to Gold & Silver Certificates being in Book form instead of loose sheets

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DEC 24 1885
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 19th, 1885.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th instant in relation to two light quarter-dollars purporting to have been coined at the San Francisco and Carson Mints, and thank you for the careful experiments you have made. The reasons you give for your conclusions are very satisfactory.

Very respectfully,

Hon. Hoc. Bruchard

Director

A. London Snowden, Esq.,

Supt. Mint,

Philadelphia.

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., September 17, 1885.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find the accounts for dies forwarded to the mints at San Francisco and New Orleans, transmitted in your letters of the 1st and 5th instants with the request that you will render the accounts so as to show the amount expended for labor and materials respectively, in order that the appropriations of your mint for wages of workmen and contingent expenses, may be properly re-imbursed from like appropriations for the New Orleans and San Francisco mints.

Very respectfully,

James Kimball
Director.

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Washington D.C.

Sept. 17 – 85

Kimball

Encloses a/c for dies furnished to New Orleans & San Francisco. Please render the a/c so they will show the amount expended for Labor & material.

RECEIVED SEP 28 1885 U.S. MINT, PHILA.

Statement of Coins

Produced to the Commission at the Annual Assay, February, 1885.

Mint		Reserved Coins. Gold.		Silver.	
Philadelphia.	Total	$ 1.953	50	$ 7212	05
	Used by Assay Committee	366	00.	683	00.
	Delivered to Cashier Phila mint	1587	50	6.529	05
San Francisco	Total	$ 20,455	00	1.628	50
	Used by Assay Committee	3670	00	279	10
	Delivered to Cashier Phila. mint	16785	00	1349	20
Carson City	Total	$ 1.895	00	569	00
	Used by Assay Committee	1,480	00	266	00
	Delivered to Cashier Phila. Mint	415	00	303	00
New Orleans	Total	$		4,865	00
	Used by Assay Committee			324	00.
	Delivered to Cashier Phila. Mint			$ 4541	00.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 28th, 1885.

Sir:

Enclosed I forward you an abstract of the total value of the reserved coins of each mint produced, as shown by the records and reports, to the Commission at the annual assay on the 11th instant and the value of the coin used by the Assaying Committee and delivered to the possession of the Assayer, and the value of the remaining coins delivered to the Cashier.

Unless there is some reason to the contrary, I will ask a transfer from the Bullion Funds of the respective mints to your Bullion Fund as follows:

San Francisco: Gold $20,455.

Silver 1,628.30

Carson: Gold $1,895.
Silver 569.
New Orleans: Silver $4,865.

Very respectfully,
Thos. Birchard,
Director

Adolphus Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

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Washington DC
February 28th 1885
Burchard

Sends statements of Coins produced to the Commission at the Annual Assay February 1885

RECEIVED
MAR 2 1885
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

Copy

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 14. 1885

Sir:

The redemption clerk in this office having called my attention to two quarter dollar silver coins in good condition, bearing the date of 1877 the one minted at Carson City, the other at San Francisco, and found in separate lots offered for exchange, I sent them to the Mint in this city for the opinion of the Assayer.

Under date of the 13th instant Mr. Paulson Du Bois, the assistant assayer, reports as follows:—

"We think the evidences are strongly indicative that the pieces have been struck from hammer cut planchets. Sometimes a piece cut from the end of a strip will be too thin; but the reeding

& other parts of these coins seem to favor the idea that they are from a smaller planchet than the twenty-five.

The C.C. piece weighs 71.7 grains; the S piece weighs 74.3 grains. The former is about 12 thousandths of an inch too thin; the latter about 10 thous too thin.

While we cannot be certain as to the cause of the deficiency, we do not doubt for a moment that they are genuine strikes and made at the Mints"

I have thought it my duty to present the facts as stated to the Department for such consideration & action as the circumstances may warrant.

I enclose the pieces I have mentioned for your inspection.

Very respectfully
George Eyster
Asst. Treas. U. S

Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

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Enclosure

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Feby 3, 1881.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th ultimo, stating that you enclose Memorandums 139 & 141 of gold bullion for remittances received from the U.S. Assay Offices at Boise City and St. Louis, respectively.

I find that you enclose only duplicate and triplicate memorandum of bullion from Boise, and that you have omitted to enclose memorandum of bullion received from St Louis. I return herewith the triplicate Memorandum received from Boise City, and have to request that you will forward the memorandum showing the

value of bullion received from St. Louis.

Very respectfully
Horace Pinkham
Director

A. London Snowden, Esq
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Another No 3 of 141 made by the Express & transmitted & No. 136 sent by mistake in this letter returned to Wash.

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Washington DC
February 3rd 1885

Burchard

In reference to Memo Nos 139 & 141 of Gold bullion received from US Assay Offices at Boise City and St Louis

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FEB 4 1885
U.S. MINT

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

21st July, 1886.

Sir

I have the honor to submit the following list of coinage and medal dies made in this department, and furnished the several Mints of the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1886.

Very respectfully
Chas. E. Barber
Engraver.

Hon Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

....., 188

Coinage and medal dies manufactured at the Mint at Philadelphia during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1886 viz

Gold Coinage	Phila	San Francisco	Carson	New Orleans	
Double Eagle	—	25	—		25
Eagle	27	40	—	4	71
Half Eagle	39	40	—		79
Three Dollar	—		—		
Quarter Eagle	2		—		2
Dollar	6		—		6
Total	74	105	—	4	183

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

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Silver Coinage	Phila	San Francisco	Carson	New Orleans	Total
Standard Dollar	161	–	–	80	241
Half Dollar	2	–	–	–	2
Quarter Dollar					
Dime	37	–	–	–	37
Total	200			80	280
Minor Coinage					
Five Cent	7	–	–	–	7
Three Cent	4	–	–	–	4
One Cent	17	–	–	–	17
	28	–	–	–	28

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

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Total number of dies

Gold Coinage	183
Silver Coinage	240
Minor Coinage	28
Proof Coinage	26
President Cleveland Indian Peace	1
Lincoln Presidential	2
Annual Assay	2
President William Henry Harrison	2
Daniel M. Fox. Supt U. S. Mint Phila	2
Reproductions	
Washington before Boston obv & rev	2
Total	528

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Phila. Pa.
U. S. Mint.
July 21. 1886

Chas. E. Barber.
Engraver

Submits List of coinage & Medal dies made under his Dep. & furnished the Several Mints of the U. S., during fiscal year ended June 30. 1886

RECEIVED
JUL 22 1886
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

Copy

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., July 9, 1884.

To the

Treasurer of the United States,

Sir:

You are hereby instructed on and after August 1, 1884 to reject, and place a distinguishing mark upon, all gold coins of the United States presented at your counters for deposit, which may be found below the standard weight and limit of tolerance provided by law for the single piece.

Although the law makes such coins a legal tender "at valuation in proportion to their actual weight," it is found to be impracticable for public officers, generally, who receive them, to determine the exact valuation. The true value of light weight

gold coins can only be ascertained at the U. S Mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco, and the U. S. Assay Office at New York where they will be received, their value determined and proper amount of coins of legal weight, or a check therefor, returned.

This action is taken to avoid the necessity of testing the same coin more than once, experience having shown that when a light weight coin is handed back to a depositor without placing thereon some distinguishing mark, a cashier or teller may in the course of business handle and reweigh the same coin several times.

You will notify depositors accordingly

Respectfully yours

E. S. Fairchild

Acting Secretary

(Copy)

E.B.D.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Office of the Secretary,

Washington, D.C., July 9, 1886.

To the Director of the Mint.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of instructions this day sent to the Treasurer and the several Assistant Treasurers of the United States, relating to light weight gold coins presented for deposit, and providing for the receipt of such coins at the U. S. Mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco, and the U. S. Assay Office at New York.

Please give the necessary instructions accordingly to the Superintendents of the Mints and the assay office mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

C. S. Fairchild,

Acting Secretary

Official copy,

James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Treasury Dep.
Office of Secretary.
Washington D. C.,
July 9. 1886

C. S. Fairchild,
Acting Secretary.

Encloses Copy of Instructions relating to light weight gold coins presented for deposit, & providing for the receipt of such coins at the U. S. Mints - at Phila. N. O. & San Fris'co. - & the U. S. Assay Office at New York.
Please give requisite instructions.

RECEIVED
JUL. 23 1886
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT.

Washington, D. C., July 31, 1886.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 30th instant, you are informed that your accounts for dies furnished the mints of the U. S. at New Orleans and San Francisco, amounting respectively to $1,063.20 and $781.80 have been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of time the amounts due you will be transferred from the appropriation for the support of the above named mints for the year ended June 30, 1886, to that of your mint for the same year.

Very respectfully,

James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

July 31, 1886

James P. Kimball

Director.

Approved & referred.
Supt acct for Dies
furnished Mints at
New Orleans & San
Francisco

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AUG 1886
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

No. of Enclosures,

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., September 16, *188* 6.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of earnings and expenditures for fiscal year ended June 30, 1886, will you please inform me whether the sum of $1,845. reimbursed your Mint from the appropriations for the Mints at San Francisco and New Orleans is included in the sum of $64,880.77, entered on your statement as expended for the year.

I will thank you to also inform me in what way the earnings of $5.30 marked "overs" in silver coin shipped depositors was acquired and whether it has appeared in your account and whether the amount has been deposited in the Treasury. It is an unusual item and I cannot well see how it can be a legitimate earning.

Very respectfully,

Director.

Date 4/6 - C.D. # 6323

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Penna.

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Treas'y Dept.
Washington. D.C.
Oct 16

James P. Kimball.
Director.

Asks, of the sum of $1.845 reimbursed the Mint from appropriation for Mints at San Fran'co & N.O. is included in the sum $64.880.17.- for expenditures during fiscal year, — also in what way the $5.30 marked "overs" was acquired.

RECEIVED
SEP 17 1886
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., October 9th, 1886.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. received, requesting to be informed on the following points

1st. When the pay of the Assistant Coiner shall commence.

2nd What shall be the amount of his bond.

In reply you are respectfully informed that his compensation will commence from the date of his filing his oath of office.

The assistant Coiner at San Francisco and New Orleans, as well as the Assistant Melter & Refiner at those institutions, your Mint and the New York Assay Office, gives a bond of $10,000; and a bond in like amount should be furnished by the assistant Coiner of your Mint.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon David McKee Fox

Supt Mint Phila Pa

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Oct 9, 1886.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Relative to pay & amt of Bond of Asst Coiner. Compensation will commence from date of oath of Office & Bond will be $10.000.

RECEIVED
OCT 11 1886
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

No. of Enclosures,

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office,

January 12th, 1897.

The following is a Memorandum of the papers sent to the Director of the U. S. Mints at Washington, D.C.

No 1. Papers & Correspondence Branch Mints San Francisco, Cal. 1854-1858 Inclusive.

No. 2. Duplicates Vouchers 1855 to 1859.

" 3 Branch Mint papers San Francisco Cal for 1859

" 4 Do, " " , Do, " " " 1860,

" 5 Do, " " , Do, " " 1861

" 6 Do, " " , Do, " " 1862

" 7 Do, " " , Do, " " 1863

" 8 Do, " " , Do, " " 1864,

" 9 Do, " " , Do " " 1865

" 10 Do, " " , Do, " " 1866.

" 11 Do, " " , Do, " " 1867

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Superintendent's Office,

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Branch Mint papers San Francisco, California,

No 12. Do, Branch Mint papers San Francisco Continued — 1868,

" 13. Do, " " " " " " 1869 – 1872.

" 14. Correspondence in relation to Contract of J. R. Curtis, for erecting Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal. — 1853.

" 15. Correspondence with Auditor from 1855 to 1857 Inclusive, Br. Mt. San Francisco

" 16. Do, " " " " " " " " "

" 17. Papers transmitted to the Mint by Eugene Kelly on the subject of the Regulation at Branch Mint, San Francisco — Papers Mint & Br. Mint 1860

" 18. From Supt Branch Mint San Francisco to Messrs Judson & Co, San Francisco Chemical Works, relative to Supply of Acids. Reply from Judson & Co, Enclosed April 15th 1861.

" 19. Report on Correspondence of D. W. Cheeseman, Treasurer Branch Mint San Francisco, Concerning Control over Metters in said Branch Mint.

" 20. Correspondence as to Shipment of Nitrate Soda & Sulphur to Contractor for Supplying Branch Mint, San Francisco with Acid 1854-5 & 56.

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The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office,

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Papers of Branch Mint, San Francisco, Continued

No. 21 Receipts, Bills, Dies, etc. San Francisco Br. Mint 1862.

" 22 Papers in regard to establishing a Branch Mint at Denver, Col. and other papers in connection therewith.

" 23rd Correspondence relative to fitting up Branch Mint at Carson City, Nev. in 1868, and Record of Coins reserved for annual assay in 1891 & 2.

" 24 Correspondence in relation to a Branch Mint at New York City 1851–7.

" 25 Letters, Statement etc. for Assay Office New York City 1858–1872.

" 26 Papers regarding Expenses at Branch Mints, including Br. Mt at New Orleans.

" 27 Correspondence on opening Branch Mint at Charlotte, N. C.

" 28 Various papers about U. S. Mint, and Branches. 1857

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29. Monthly Reports Br. Mt San Francisco 1861

30 Correspondence relative to cost of Refitting Mints 1856

31. Letters in regard to bill establishing certain assay offices 1866

32. Prof Kents Swamp Procline correspondence 1857

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COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. .....

Mint of the United States,
AT PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, January 29th 1879.

TO HON. JAMES POLLOCK,
Superintendent.

The undersigned requests the approval of the Superintendent to procure the following supplies for his department of the Mint:

From whom, J. B. Corrden

Name of article, Counting Boards, with tables.

Quantity required, Two (2)

Special object or reason of Requisition and remarks,

The above counting boards of a capacity of $500 each in Standard Dollars, with tables for use at the Mint at New Orleans. With the lowest expense transmitted to the office of the Director of the mint.

D. C. Broderick
Coiner.

APPROVED:

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent.

All Official Letters to the Treasurer's Office must be addressed to the "Treasurer of the U. S.," and in replying to Letters from the "Treasurer's Office," the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, February 21st, 1879.

Sir:

I beg to transmit herewith Transfer Orders No. 5939 and 5940. of this date, in your favor for $43.335.26 and $1.683.4 in Coin, respectively on the Superintendents Mint U.S. San Francisco and Carson, for gold and silver coin heretofore forwarded to you for trial at the annual assay.

Please receipt the above Transfer Orders and return them to this Office,

Very respectfully

Jas Gordon

Treasurer U.S.

Superintendent Mint U.S.
Philadelphia. Pa

Rec'd 2/24

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Treasury U. S.
(Gilfillan)
Feb 21/79

Transmitting J. C.
No. 5939 for $43,335.96
& No. 5940 " $ 1,683.91
Value of annual assay
coins for 1878, from the
Mints at San Francisco
and Carson

Rec'd Feb 22/79.

Acct

In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States.

Washington, April 30th, 1879.

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith the following Transfer orders drawn in your favor, being proceeds of bullion forwarded to your office by mail, of date apl. 30th 1879, viz:

No. 6189, on Mint U.S. Denver Col. for $ 5.328.23

" 6207, " U.S. Assay Office Charlotte N.C. for $ 947.77.

Will you please make the necessary entries in my "Bullion fund account" and return the transfer orders, with your endorsement thereon, to this Office in the usual manner.

Very respectfully

Dan'l Fricano

Treasurer U.S.

Notice Apl.

Superintendent,

Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Washington, D.C.
April 30th, 1879.

James Gilfillan.
Treasurer, U.S.

enclosing Transfer orders
6189 Denver #5,328,23.
6207 Charlotte 947.77.

Rec'd May 1st, 1879.

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In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, May 14, 1879.

Sir:

I hand you herewith the following Transfer Orders drawn in your favor, being proceeds of bullion forwarded to your Office by registered mail, and bearing date of May 12th 1879, viz:

No. 6547 – On the Mint U.S. Denver Col. for $ 6.129.60

" 6548 – " " U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte N.C. " " 2.930.36.

Will you please make the necessary entries in my "Bullion Fund Account", and return the transfer orders, with your endorsement thereon, to this Office in the usual manner.

Very respectfully

Saml Wheeler

Treasurer U.S.

OK FNS

Superintendent,

Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Washington, D.C.
May 14th, 1879.

James Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.

Transmits Transfer Orders
#6547 Denver, $ 6,129,60.
6548 Charlotte 2,930,36.

Rec'd May 15th, 1879.

In your reply, please quote above initials.

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Washington, May 14, 1879.

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Superintendent,

Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Washington, D.C.
May 14th, 1879.

James Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.

Transmits Transfer Orders
#6547 Denver. $ 6,129,60.
6548 Charlotte 2,930,36.

Rec'd May 15th, 1879.

In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States.

Washington, June 4th, 1879.

Sir:

I hand you herewith the following Transfer Orders, dated June 3, 1879, drawn in your favor, being the proceeds of bullion forwarded to your Office by registered mail, viz:

No. 8099 – on U.S. assay Office Charlotte N.C. $1.048.72

" 8100 – " Mint U.S. Denver Col. " 3.005.44

Will you please make the necessary entries in my "Bullion fund account" and return the transfer orders to this Office in the usual manner.

Very respectfully

Jas. Gilfillan

Treasurer U.S.

Superintendent:

Mint U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Noted. L.W.C.

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Treasurer U.S.
(Gilpreean)
June 4. 1879

Enclosing T. O. pro-
-ceeds sold f/c U.S.
no. 8099, Charlotte $1,048.72
" 8109, Denver $3,005.44

Rec^d June 5th, 1879.

J.F.M.

In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, June 18, 1879

Sir:

Herein please find the following Transfer Orders, Drawn in your favor, being proceeds of bullion forwarded to your Office by registered mail and of date June 17" 1879, viz:

No. 8538, On U. S. Assay Office Charlotte N.C. $1.013.29
" 8539 " Mint U. S. Denver Col. .... " 6293.11

Will you please make the necessary entries in my "Bullion Fund Account".

Very respectfully
Jas. G. Ricaud
Treasurer U. S.

Superintendent,
Mint U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Noted 6/19/1879

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Treasurer U. S.
Washington D.C.
June 18. 1879

Jas. Gilfillan

Enclosing T. O.
#8538, Charlotte $1,013.29
#8539, Denver $6,293.11
Gold on a/c U. S.

Recd June 19th, 1879.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., July 21, 1882.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 19th instant in regard to the number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the current month, I now have to advise you that I have decided to reduce the amount heretofore allotted you, from 1,050,000 to 800,000 pieces. I have allotted the difference 250,000 to the San Francisco and New Orleans Mints. Should we not be able to get out the minimum amount required by law, it will be necessary to make it up next month.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

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A. D. M.
Wash. D. C.
July 21/82

R. E. Preston

Allotment of
Silver Dollars for
July 1882, reduced
to 800,000.

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U. S. MINT, PHILA.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia Depot of the Quartermaster's Department,

Philadelphia, August 12th 1879

A. Loudon Snowden Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir

Enclosed please find duplicate receipts for public property turned over by you to this Department on the 8th inst. for transportation to Helena, Montana and Denver Colorado.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt. Servt
D H Rucker
Asst. Qr. Mr. Genl.
U S Army

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Philadelphia, Pa
Aug. 12/79

D. H. Rucker
Asst Q. M. Genl
U. S. Army

Enclosing duplicate receipts for public property to be forwarded to Helena Mont & Denver, Col

Recd Aug. 12th 1879.

In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, August 18th, 1879.

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith Transfer Orders No. 8677. dated August 16. in your favor for $19,126.54 payable by the Assayer in charge, U.S. Mint Denver, Colo. and No. 8678. same date and in your favor for $987.14 payable by the Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C. in bullion heretofore forwarded to you from the above named Offices.

Please receipt these Transfer Orders and return them to this Office with your next transcript of my "Bullion Fund account" as vouchers for the credits given therein.

Very respectfully

John Jay Knox

Treasurer U.S.

A. L. Snowden,
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia. Pa

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Treasurer U. S.
Washington D.C.
Aug 18/79

Jas. Gilfillan

Enclosing T. O's
#8677, Denver, $19,126.54
#8678, Charlotte $987.14
Gold, on a/c U.S.

Recd Aug. 19th 1879.

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In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, August 19th, 1879.

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith Transfer Orders No. 8683. dated August 18. in your favor, on U.S. Assay Office Helena, Montana for $2,527.57. and No. 8684. same date and in your favor, on Mint U.S. Denver, Colo. for $19,649.92 both paid in bullion heretofore forwarded to you from the above named Offices.

Please receipt these Transfer Orders and return them to this Office with your next transcript of my "Bullion Fund account" as vouchers for the credits given therein.

Very respectfully

Jas. Gilfillan

Treasurer U.S.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia Pa

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Treasurer U. S.
Washington D.C.
Aug. 19/79

Jas. Gillespie

Enclosing T. O.
#8683, $192.50 27.57
Gold, in ofc U. S.
Gen Helena M.T.

Rec'd Aug 20/79

Pd & Canc. 20th 1879.

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In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, September 13th, 1879.

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith Transfer Orders No. 8762. dated September 12th. in your favor for $1,660.15/100 and No. 8764. of this date, in your favor for $1,069.41/100 Gold payable by the Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C., in bullion, heretofore forwarded to you. Also Transfer Order No. 8763. of this date, in your favor for $61,615.13/100. payable by the Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office, Helena, Mont. in bullion heretofore forwarded to you.

Please receipt these Transfer Orders and return the same to this Office, with your next transcript of my "Bullion Fund Account", as vouchers for the credits given therein.

Very respectfully,

Jas. Lyncen

Treasurer U.S.

Superintendent Mint U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Treasurer, U. S.
Washington, D.C.
Sept 13/79

Jas. Gillillan

Enclosing J. O's not
sold on a/c U. S.
#8762 $1,660.15
#8764 $1,069.41
Charlotte A.C. &
#8763 $61,615.13
Helena A.C.

Rec'd Sept. 15th, 1879.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia Depot of the Quartermaster's Department,

Philadelphia, September 18th 1879

A. L. Snowden Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, duplicate receipts for public property turned over by you to this Department for transportation to U.S. Assay Office Helena, Montana, and Mint of the U.S. at Denver, Colorado.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt Servant
W. W. Rice
Asst Quartermaster Genl. USA.

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Philadelphia, Pa.
Sept 18/79

Col. D. H. Rucker,
Asst Q. Master General
U. S. Army.

Enclosing duplicate receipts for public property for the Helena, A. T. & Denver Mint

Recd Sept. 19th 1879.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 5, 1891.

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It will be very agreeable to me, and I think for the interest of the service, if the Bureau could be furnished with a photograph of your institution, either mounted or otherwise. We have in the Bureau, adorning the walls of the Director's room, large photographs of the mints at San Francisco, New Orleans, and Carson City, and I would like, if possible, to have all the institutions.

You will understand that there is no fund from which this expense could be paid by the Government, and if it is done it must be voluntary upon your part.

It had occurred to me that it might be a pleasant thing, and that you would desire to have your mint represented in the collection of institutions comprising the mint service, in the Director's office at Washington.

Of course you will consider this a mere suggestion on my part, and do exactly as you think best in the matter.

It has been in my mind for some time to make this suggestion to the officers in charge of the various institutions which are not represented in this Bureau.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director.

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Treasury Department.
Washington. D.C.
June 5. 1891

E. O. Leech.
Director.

Relative to Photograph
of mint.

Recd
June 6 - 1891

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., September 22,1894.

Eugene Townsend Esq.,

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Differences are constantly arising between the assays of shipments of bullion from the minor Assay Offices to your Mint, which it is proposed to remedy as far as practicable by having all the proof or pure gold manufactured by the Assayer of this Bureau and of your Mint. You will furnish these officers the gold necessary to manufacture proof gold say to the amount of fifty (50) ounces.

When this proof is manufactured, it will be left in your custody under lock and key, and the Assayers-in-charge of the Assay Offices at Charlotte, North Carolina, St. Louis, Missouri, Helena, Montana, Boise City, Idaho and the Mint at Denver will be instructed to make requisition from time to time, upon this Bureau for such proof gold as they may require, and you will be authorized to forward the same, for which you will be reimbursed.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

September 22. '94

R. E. Preston

Director of the Mint.

SUBJECT:

Relative to differences constantly arising between the assays of shipments of Bullion from Minor assay offices to Mint.

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U. S. MINT, PHILA.

No. of Inclosures,

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., September 13, 1890.89

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 12th inst., relative to your salary, I would say that the salary of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia is fixed by the Revised Statutes (see paragraph 12, chapter 328, supplement to the Revised Statutes, Vol. I) and it requires a specific act of Congress to increase it.

The same is true in regard to the salary of the Director.

Undoubtedly there is great inequality in the salaries of public officers. The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury receives only $4,500 while many subordinate officers in the Department receive more.

The arguments which you use would apply with equal force to the superintendents of the assay office at New York and the mint at San Francisco, as well as to many other officers in the public service.

I do not agree with you that it is my province to suggest an increase in my salary to the Secretary of the Treasury, or that it is your province to suggest an increase in your salary. I believe that the suggestion in the first case should originate with the Secretary or with Congress, and in your case with the Director

of the Mint or with Congress.

I do not consider it my duty, and I am very certain that it is not the wish of the Administration, to increase the estimates for the support of the mint service but rather to reduce them, and as an increase in your salary could not legally be made on an appropriation bill it would simply amount to an increase in the estimates without accomplishing any practical result.

If you consider that your salary is inadequate to the responsibilities and duties of your office the proper course for you to pursue is to have a bill introduced in Congress to increase the salary of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, which is the only way in which it can be legally done.

I am very certain that I should not oppose such a measure even if the increase was in excess of the salary which the Director of the Mint receives, but to unnecessarily increase the estimates for the support of the mint service in the face of the fact that the increases recommended could not be lagally made in an appropriation act would, in my judgment, be very bad policy.

In regard to increases of salary in general, permit me to say that my policy has been, and will be, not to make such recommendations except in cases where gross injustice exists as compared with the salary paid the same office in other branches of the same

service.

The salary of the chief clerkship of your mint is a case in point.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director.

Treasury Department
Washington. D. C.
Sept 13 1890

E. O. Leech.
Director.

Answer to Superintendent's
Letter of 12. Relative
to Salaries

Recd. Sept 15. 1890

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Chief Clerks Office,
January 19th, 1889.

Sir;

The following Dies of 1888 from the Mint at New Orleans and the Mint at San Francisco, respectively, were destroyed this day.

New Orleans			San Francisco				
S.S. Dollars	68	Obverse	S.S Dollars	Obverse	20	Reverse	8
Eagles	2	"	Quarter "	"	16	"	11
			Dimes	"	20	"	14
			D. Eagles	"	16	"	6
			Eagles	"	10	"	6
			Half "	"	10	"	4
	70	(Total 211)			92		49

Very Respectfully,
Louis Brown

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent U.S. Mint.
Phila.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

Superintendents Office,

January 19, 1889.

Louis Brown

SUBJECT:

Destruction of Dies from Mints of New Orleans & San Francisco

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U.S. MINT PHILA.

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., December 18th, 1888.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 6th last and the 17th instant, you are authorized to forward to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, Nevada, two [2] porcelain pots of German manufacture from the stock you have on hand.

These pots should be securely packed and delivered to the Quartermaster, U. S. Army, in your city for shipment.

You will render your account for the pots to this Bureau, fixing a fair commercial price for the same.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Dept.
Washington D.C.
December 18. 1888

James. P. Kimball.
Director.

Authority to forward
to Supt of mint at
Carson, Nevada
two porcelain Pots

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ASSAY DEPARTMENT,

January 19th, 1889

List of Dies Destroyed, from Mint at

New Orleans	Obverse	Reverse
Silver Dollar	75	68
Gold Eagle	2	2
	77	70

San Francisco		
Silver Dollar	20	8
Quarter "	16	11
Dime	20	14
Gold Double Eagle	16	6
Eagle	10	6
Half Eagle	10	4
	92	49

Total from New Orleans 147

" " San Francisco 141

Jacob B. Eckfeldt
Assayer

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ASSAY DEPARTMENT,

January 19th, 1889.

Jacob B. Eckfeldt.
Assayer.

List of Dies destroyed from Mint at New Orleans

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U. S. MINT, PHILA.

No. of Enclosures.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, Dec. 13th, 1888.

Hon. D. M. Fox

Superintendent

Sir;

In August last I was honored by a reference to me of a letter from Mr Supt. Garrard of the Carson City-Mint, in which he asked if this mint could aid him (by sale, loan or transfer) in securing a few pots adapted to the treatment of base bullion by nitric acid, - such vessels not being obtainable in the open market.

In response, I stated under date Aug. 6th, that we could spare such a number as he wanted from stock in hand, without detriment to our operations.

A personal letter from Supt. Garrard, just received, enquires whether he may still hope to obtain the pots. I can suppose that there

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, ..., *188* .

may be technical difficulties attending the transfer, which have delayed definite action; but if these are not insuperable, I would gladly see Supt. Garrard accommodated.

Very Respectfully

D. K. Tuttle

M. & R.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Dec. 13, 1888.

D. K. Tuttle

Melter and Refiner.

Relative to "Porcelain Pots to melt Base Bullion" asked for by Carson Brent

RECEIVED
DEC 13 1888
PHILA.

No. of Enclosures,

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

2nd November, 1888.

Sir

The Standard Dollar dies condemned as being too soft and unfit for use and returned to this office by the Coiner of the United States Mint at New Orleans, have been very carefully examined by myself and assistants in this department. I have also submitted the dies to the inspection of the Foreman of the coining room. Mr Downing. Also to Mr James. Foreman of machine shop and both are of the opinion that the dies are properly tempered. I do not hesitate to say the dies are as good as can be made. The question then is why are the dies complained of. My answer is they are victims of gross ignorance. Never in my life have I seen dies more abused.

In the first place they bear marked evidence of having been blanked, that is they have been allowed while in the press to come together without a planchet between them, dies are not expected to stand such usage. The dies have been put in the press in such a manner as to prove conclusively that the man who has handled them is not an intelligent mechanic and does not comprehend the work he is engaged upon. To be more explicit I must enter into detail which I think will convince you of the correctness of my statement, as it is so very clear to every one in the least familiar with mechanical operations.

The dies are intended to come together squarely and perpendicularly, instead of this being the case the dies have been filed on the bottom on an angle so that one side of the die is 1/16 of an inch longer than the other, thus throwing

the dies 1/16 of an inch out of line at the striking point. You will see how this operates, The collar stands horizontally in the press the dies being 1/16 in out of line instead of entering the collar in a perpendicular manner enter on an incline, this is of course equivalent to increasing the diameter, to overcome this the dies in order to be made enter the collar have been ground upon a common grindstone, thus destroying partially the outer edge of the die and of course the flat border of the coin, under this treatment the neck of the die instead of being round is a succession of angles or facets.

The dies entering the collar on an incline instead of straight down cause a constant strain and friction on the collar and neck of the die, so much has this been the case that while the neck of the die is so hard a new Stubs file will make no impression on it, the friction has been

sufficient to emboss the neck of the die and leave an impression of the reeded collar plain and distinct. You will also see the dies coming together on an incline instead of squarely, produces a grinding or slipping motion between the faces of the dies which is destructive to die and collar alike. All the points I have given are understood by mechanics to be unnecessary and extraordinary strain upon both dies, collars and press, and should be remedied. I am astonished with such treatment the dies have coined any number worthy of mention. That the dies did not break out or crumble away on the edge, but stood up and held together should convince anyone familiar with steel that the dies are well and properly tempered.

In all the dies with one exception (that being a cracked die) the radii still exists

even with the harsh treatment they have received, proving clearly the man has not yet discovered why he could not coin.

To prove the trouble does not rest with the dies I gave condemned die No 86 obverse. (I am sorry on account of the initial of the Mint at New Orleans being on the reverse I was not able to use a pair) to the Coiner of this Mint with instructions to try it. The report he makes this morning is. He has coined 450.000 pieces which is 127.693 more pieces than the best report ever made, and the die is still good for many more as can be seen at a moments glance, but not wishing to force a report I made the request that the die be taken out of the press.

In the year 1876 a like case occured with the Mint at San Francisco, only in that case it was Half Dollar dies, a number of

these dies were returned condemned as unfit for use. An obverse die was taken from among the number and run in the press at this Mint for 55 hours coining 264.000 pieces.

The remedy Dr Linderman then Director of the Mint adopted was simply this, he sent an experienced person from this Mint to teach them how to use a die when received from this Department. From that time to this we have had no more complaints of dies being improperly tempered or unfit for use.

I respectfully suggest that a like treatment of the Mint at New Orleans would prove beneficial

Very respectfully

Chas. E. Barber

Engraver

Hon Daniel M. Fox

Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

~~SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,~~

November 2, 1888.

Chas. E. Barber.
Engraver. ~~Superintendent.~~

Relative to Standard Silver Dollar Dies condemned as being too soft, by coiner of U. S. Mint at N. O.

No. of Enclosures.

Recd. Nov. 2. 1888.

N.R.D

Mint of the United States at Carson, Nevada,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

July 30th, 1888.

Sir

I am in need of 2 Porcelain Pots for immediate use in this Mint. There are none in the market in San Francisco of German manufacture and I am told that it requires two or three years time to get them by importation. Thinking that you may be possessed of information as to whether they are kept on sale in the Eastern markets. I have taken the liberty of addressing you upon the subject. I also thought it possible that you keep an extra number on hand in your institution and that in such case you might be able to accommodate me by the loan of

two with a capacity of 40 gal. in case I cannot purchase them in the market,

Should you be able to accommodate me in this respect the favor will be fully appreciated.

Very Respectfully

William Garrard

Superintendent

To

Superintendent

of the Mint of the U.S.

Philadelphia Pa.

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The Mint of the United States,

AT CARSON, NEVADA.

July 30th 1888

William Garrard
Superintendent.

SUBJECT.

Wants 2 Porcelain Pots of German make.

NO. OF INCLOSURES.

RECEIVED
AUG 6 1888
U. S. MINT, PHILA.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

31st March, 1888.

Sir

In answer to letter of the Director of the Mint asking an explanation of the difference in price charged for Standard Dollar dies, to the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans and that at San Francisco I would respectfully say:

The dies sent to New Orleans are all finished dies hard and polished ready to place in the press, while those sent to San Francisco, at the request of that Mint and according to custom, are not finished, requiring turning to suit the press and hardening. Consequently the difference in labor and charge for the same.

Very respectfully

Chas. E. Barber

Engraver

Hon Daniel M. Fox

Superintendent

Mint. U. S.
Phila. Pa.
March. 31. 1888.

Chas E. Barber
Engraver.

Reply to letter of Director, explaining difference in price charged for Std Dollar dies to Mint. U. S. at N. O. and San Francisco.

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MAR 31 1888
U. S. MINT

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., June 25th 1888

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am advised by the Assayer-in-Charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, and by the Assayer-in-Charge of the Assay Office at St. Louis, Missouri, of the final shipments of bullion for the fiscal year, under dates of the 21st and 23rd instant.

I will thank you to forward a memorandum as early as possible showing the value of these shipments, in order that the transfer may be made within the fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

mem sent to Sup. 6/26.88 -

" " " 6/27/88

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Treasy Dept.
Washington. D.C.
June 25. 1888.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Requests memo. forwarded showing value of Shipments of Bullion of 21st & 28th insts.

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JUN 26 1888
U. S. MINT, PHILA.

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JUN 26 1888
U. S. MINT, PHILA.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ASSAY DEPARTMENT,

March 6th, 1888.

Sir. -

The following dies received from the Mints at San Francisco and New Orleans have been destroyed.

San Francisco

Double Eagle	5	Obverse	4	Reverse	Total 9
Eagle	20	"	14	"	34
Half Eagle	30	"	20	"	50
Dollar (Silver)	20	"	13	"	33
Dime	23	"	22	"	45
	Total destroyed				171

New Orleans -

Dollar - 29 Obverse. -

Jacob B. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Hon. Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ASSAY DEPARTMENT,

March 6, 1888.

Jacob Eckfeldt
Assayer.

List of Dies recd from Mints at San Francisco & N. O. destroyed.

Recd
March. 6. 1888.

No. of Enclosures,

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

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Half Eagles Reverse. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.13.14.15.16.17.
18.19.20.21.22. 20

Standard Dollars. Obverse No. 86.87.88.89.90.91.92.93.94
95.114.115.116.117.118.119.120.121.122.123. 20

Standard Dollars. Reverse No. 85.86.87.88.89.90.91.92.93.94.
113.114.115. 13

Dimes. Obverse. No. 7.8.9.20.21.22.23.24.25.26.27.28.
29.56.57.58.59.60.61.62.63.64.65. 23

Reverse. No. 7.8.9.20.21.22.23.24.25.26.27.28.
29.56.57.58.59.60.61.62.63.65 22

Mint at New Orleans

Standard Dollars. Reverse No. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.14.15.16
17.18.19.20.21.22.23.64.65.66.67.69.70.71.72.108. 29

Total 200

Very Respectfully
W. S. Heil
Coiner.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

March 5, 1888.

W. S. Steel.

Coiner.

List of Dies that were used in the Coinage of 1887.

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No. of Enclosures,

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

March 5th, 1888.

Hon Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent
Sir.

I have the honor to report the following Dies used in the Coinage of 1887. at the Mint at San Francisco. and New Orleans were destroyed this day by means of the forge and sledge.

Mint San Francisco

Double Eagles, Obverse Nos. 1.2.3.4.5		5
Reverse " 1.2.3.4.		4
Eagles. Obverse Nos. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.13.14.15.16.17.18.19.20.21.		20
Reverse " 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.13.14.15.16.		14
Half Eagles, Obverse, 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.13.14.15.16.17.18.19.20.21		
22.23.24.25.26.27.28.29.30.31.32.		30

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

March 5th, 1888.

Sir;

As your representative, I to-day witnessed the destruction of Dies, as follows—

From the New Orleans Mint.

S.S. Dollars - Reverse Nos. 1 to 20 inclusive and 64.65.66.67.69.70.71.72.108 — 29

From the San Francisco Mint.

Double Eagles Obverse 1.2.3.4.5 Reverse 1.2.3.4 — 9

Eagles, Obverse 1. to 10 and 13 to 22 inclusive — 20

" Reverse 1. to 10 " 13 " 16 " — 14

Half Eagles Obverse 1 to 10 and 13 to 32 inclusive — 30

" " Reverse 1 " 10 " 13 " 22 " — 20

Dimes, Obverse 7.8.9.20.21.22.23.24.25.26.27.28.29. 56.57.58.59.60.61.62.63.64.65. — 23

" , Reverse — Same numbers, excepting No. 64 — 22

167

Forward

Brot forward 167

S. S. Dollars, Obverse Nos. 86 to 95 inclusive

and 114 to 123 inclusive 20

" " " Reverse, Nos. 85 to 94 inclusive

and 113. 114. 115 13

Total 200

I also, on Jany 17. /88 witnessed the destruction of 29 Dies from the New Orleans Mint, numbered as follows:

S. S. Dollars.

Reverse, 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 41

42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 63. 68. 102. 103. 104 105

106. 107. 109 29

Very Respectfully,

Louis Brown

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

March 5, 1888.

Louis Brown clerk
~~Superintendent.~~

List of Dies of 1887 from
N. O. Mint defaced + destroyed.

Recd
March 5. 1888.

No. of Enclosures.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., December 14, 1887.

Sir:

The intent of the letter to which you reply under date of the 13th instant was simply to have shown upon the Cashier's Daily Statement (Form 231) the daily reservations of all denomina-tions of gold and silver coins for both annual and special as-says, as has been the practice at least at San Francisco and New Orleans. Please cause this to be done after the current month.

Very respectfully,

Jas. P. Windale

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

The special reserves will be shown on the daily statement as requested.

Cash

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Treas'y Dept.
Washington D.C.
Dec. 14. 1887.

James P. Kimball.
Director.

In answer to letter of 13
says, - "Daily reservations
"of all denominations
"of gold & Silver for both
"annual and special
"assays" - must be shown
on Cashiers daily State't.

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DEC 15 1887
U. S. MINT, PHILA.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

23rd Nov, 1884.

Sir

In compliance with instructions of the 19th inst. I have this day forwarded to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco the following dies viz

10 ten obv. Dimes nos 56 to 65 inclusive

10 ten rev " " 56 to 65 "

Very respectfully

Chas. E. Barber

Engraver

Hon Daniel W. Fox

Superintendent

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U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Nov. 23. '87

Chas. E. Barber
Engraver

Has sent to Mint at San Francisco
10. Obv. Dimes
" Rev. "

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NOV 23 1887
U. S. MINT, PHILA.

Insured by ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

for _____

to _____ only

For the Company,

Insurance, $ _____

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

No. 181. GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

$ Val 100.00 Philadelphia, Pa. Nov. 23rd 1887

Received from Supt. U S Mint

One Box Sealed and said to contain

Addressed Supt. U S Mint San Francisco Cal.

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the Government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company, and so specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above-mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to, and enure to the benefit of, each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability therefor of such other Company or persons.

[NOT NEGOTIABLE.]

FREIGHT, _____

For the Company, Hark

Berlin & Jones Envelope Co., N.Y.

Form 94.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT.

Washington, D. C., October 8th, 1887.

Hon Daniel M Fox,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:—

The following Telegram sent you to-day is hereby made Official, viz.:

Orders from Saint Louis and New Orleans for dimes, must be filled without further delay.

I am, very respectfully,

Director.

[Ed. 8-4-'87—1,000.]

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Treas'y Dept.
Washington D.C.
Oct 8. 1887.

James. P. Kimball.
Director.

Telegram made official.
"Orders from St Louis & B. O. for dimes must be filled without further delay"

RECEIVED
OCT 10 1887
U. S. MINT, PHILA.

In your reply, please quote the above initials.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, November 4, 1887.

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith Transfer Order No.15101, dated the 3rd instant, drawn on your Mint and payable to your order for $1,000 in five cent nickels, for transportation by registered mail to the Assistant Treasurer U.S., San Francisco, as heretofore.

Very respectfully,

James W. Hyatt

Treasurer U.S.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent Mint U.S.,

Philadelphia,

Pa.

Shipped by Reg Mail Nov. 5, 1887

1513

Treasy U. S.
Washington D. C.
Nov. 4. 1887.

James M. Hyatt
Treas'r.

Sends T. O. no. 15101 for $1,000.00
in 5ct nickel, for transportation to Asst Treas'r
San Francisco.

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NOV 5 1887
U. S. MINT, PHILA.

In your reply, please quote above initials.

Treasury of the United States.

Washington November 18, 1887.

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith Transfer Order No.15213, dated the 17th instant, payable to your order for the transportation by registered mail of $1,000 in five cent nickels to the Assistant Treasurer U.S., San Francisco, as heretofore.

Very respectfully,

James Myatt

Treasurer U.S.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent Mint U.S.,

Philadelphia,

Pa.

forwarded Nov. 19. as ordered,

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Treas. U.S.
Washington D.C.
November 18. 1887.

James N. Tyatt,
Treas'r.

Send T.O. no. 15213
$1,000, 5ct. nickels from
Asst Treas. San Francisco

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NOV 19 1887
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

1857, in a comparative table, which I enclose, showing, in the first columns, the coinage as contained in the accounts, and, in the second columns, the coinage as reported by you.

May I ask a further examination by you of the figures which you forwarded in regard to Dahlonega?

I am somewhat in doubt whether the coinage entered in the accounts is to be the actual coinage for the years in question. I do not well see how any other amounts could be published, and yet it is possible that the Coiner may have held over, at the close of the calendar year, some pieces and delivered them in another year, so that the amounts entered in the accounts may not be as correct as those reported by you.

In this connection I beg to say that it is my purpose to compare the coinage of your Mint, in the statement which you have been requested to furnish, with the statement which has been compiled in this Bureau, and in all cases of differences to refer to the original accounts on file in the Department, for verification. As this may occupy some considerable time I will thank you to have the statement of the coinage of your mint by calendar years forwarded as early as it can be compiled.

Mint of the United States at Dahlonega during the calendar years 1858, 1859, 1860 and 1861 forwarded in your letter of the 11th of July last I beg to direct your attention to some differences in the coinage reported by you from the amounts contained in the coinage accounts of the Superintendent of the mint at Dahlonega, filed in the office of the Register of the Treasury.

In order that there might be no question as to the absolute correctness of the statement which I propose publishing I sent for the accounts for the years in question and drew off the coinage as entered in the Coiner's and Superintendent's accounts and contained in the warrants accompanying them, and I find they differ in some particulars, to which I beg to direct your attention with a view to further examination on your part of the sources from which the figures were obtained, which are contained in your statement.

In order that the differences may appear more readily, I have embodied the coinage for the years named, as well as the coinage of

3,- D.M.F.

The importance of presenting an accurate exhibit of the coinage of the Mints of the United States by the years which the coins bear date (namely calendar years) is so great that any extra labor connected therewith will be usefully employed.

Very respectfully,

R. O. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Treasy Dept.
Washington D.C.
Sept. 9. 1887.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director

Has recd Statement of coinage executed at Mint of U.S. at Dahlonega during 1859, "60, "61 — directs attention to differences in coinage reported by Supt, from amts in coinage accts of Supt of mint at Dahlonega
Wishes Statements of coinage at Phila Mint by calendar years forwarded as early as possible — remarks.

U.S. MINT, PHILA.
RECEIVED
SEP 10 1887

Comparative table of Coinage of Mint at Dahlonega, Ga.

Calendar Years	Contained in Bullion and Coin Accounts — Gold.				Contained in statement furnished by Superintendent Dec. — Gold.			
	Half Eagles	Quarter Eagles	Dollars	Total	Half Eagles	Quarter Eagles	Dollars	Total
1857	$ 85,230.—	$ 5,910.—	$ 3,533.—	$ 94,673.—	$ —"—	$ —"—	$ —"—	—"—
1858	76,810.—	—"—	3,477.—	80,287.—	✓ 38,410.—	—"—	✓ 3,477.—	41,887.—
1859	51,830.—	5,610	4,952.—	62,392.—	✓ 56,195.— 3635	✓ 4,005.— 1,605	✓ 4,952.—	65,152.— 6240
1860	73,145.—	—"—	1,566.—	74,741.—	✓ 51,395.—	—"—	✓ 1,566.—	52,961.—

Bureau of the Mint
September 9th 1887.

E.O.L.

1,- D.M.F.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., September 9th, 1887.

Sir:

Thanking you for the statement of the coinage executed at the Mint of the United States at Dahlonega during the calendar years 1858, 1859, 1860 and 1861 forwarded in your letter of the 11th of July last I beg to direct your attention to some differences in the coinage reported by you from the amounts contained in the coinage accounts of the Superintendent of the mint at Dahlonega, filed in the office of the Register of the Treasury.

In order that there might be no question as to the absolute correctness of the statement which I propose publishing I sent for the accounts for the years in question and drew off the coinage as entered in the Coiner's and Superintendent's accounts and contained in the warrants accompanying them, and I find they differ in some particulars, to which I beg to direct your attention with a view to further examination on your part of the sources from which the figures were obtained, which are contained in your statement.

In order that the differences may appear more readily, I have embodied the coinage for the years named, as well as the coinage of

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., August 30, 1887.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 29th instant enclosing the account of Messrs. R. J. Gayon and Son for Black Lead Stirrers and Covers delivered to Capt. J. M. Marshall for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver has been received, as also their account for Crucibles for the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City. I have transmitted the accounts to the Assayers in charge of those institutions with instructions to forward, under cover to you, a draft for the amounts.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Aug 30th, 1887.

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Ack'g receipt of acct of Messrs. R. J. Taylor & Son for Black Lead Stirrers & Covers delivered to Capt J. M. Marshall for Shipment to U. S. Mint, Denver. also acct for Crucibles for U. S. Assay Office at Boise City. Has transmitted accts to Assayers with instructions to forward a draft for amts

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No. of Enclosures,

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., September 2nd, 1887.

Sir:

Some months ago I requested that you would compile a statement showing the coinage of your Mint by denomination of pieces for each calendar year from its organization. The time is at hand when it will be necessary for me to use the statement requested and I will thank you to hasten its preparation as far as can be done without interfering with any of the regular business of your mint.

In this connection I invite your attention to a previous request that a thorough search be made for some document at your mint which will give the coinage of the Mint at Dahlonega for the calendar year 1857. I am desirous of publishing a complete and accurate statement of the coinages of the mints of the United States by calendar years from the organization of the mint at Philadelphia, and it is highly important that I should know the coinage of the mint at Dahlonega for the year named. Your assistance in this direction will be appreciated by me.

Very respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Treas'y Dept
Washington D.C.
Sept 2. 1887

James P. Kimball
Director

Says to hasten statement showing coinage of mint by denomination of pieces for each calendar year from organization. Asks that search be made for document that will give coinage of Dahlonega Mint for 1857.

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SEP 3 1887
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

Sir:

In this connection I invite your attention to a previous request that a thorough search be made for some document at your mint which will give the coinage of the Mint at Dahlonega for the calendar year 1857. I am desirous of publishing a complete and accurate statement of the coinage of the mints of the United States by calendar years from the organization of the mint at Philadelphia, and to be in readiness for the report from the coinage of the mint at Dahlonega in this direction will be appreciated by me.

Very respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

March 18, 1887.

Sir:

In compliance with your request, based on letter of Director of the Mint dated March 17, inst., I beg to submit certain reasons for the assumption that the demand for Gold Dollars is not, at this time, for the convenience of small exchanges in the course of ordinary business.

Since 1874, when upward of Three Hundred Thousand (300,000) gold dollars were coined to the order of the U.S. Assay Office, at New York city, there has been no demand for such coins for circulation.

The only demand for gold dollars since 1874, has been from jewelers, who, on being interrogated, have said that they wanted them for necklaces, bracelets, studs, buttons, et cetera, to accommodate customers; from individuals, at sundry times, who have asked for the coin admittedly for jewelry purposes, or for transmission to England to be made into jewelry; from coin collectors and speculators

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

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whose demand has not been for circulation; and from a few persons, here, at New York, at Boston, and at San Francisco, who have procured the coins for purposes connected with, and pertaining to, Christmas and New Year.

I am not aware that any bank, or banker, has ever asked for gold dollars for its exchanges within the last sixteen years.

I have been frequently assured by persons engaged in the jewelry business that gold dollar bangles were largely made in New York and Boston for export to Japan, and possibly for China. As there was no particular reason why the identity of these informants should be fixed in mind, I cannot give names; but if called on to testify I should be constrained to say that the assumption that gold dollars are demanded for such export is based "on common report". Coin bangles commanded a ready sale

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

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at great profit in the East. Of this I have been often assured.

But that the demand is almost wholly for speculative purposes seems conclusively proved when I have the word of one speculator to the effect that of the seven thousand (7000) pieces struck in 1885 he secured more than one half. He did this through New York banks and parties in Baltimore and Philadelphia, who ordered and received small parcels of the coin, not for circulation, but ostensibly for presentations, &c. The demand at this counter is wholly for jewelry and sentimental purposes. No applicant for years and years has ever pretended that he wanted the coin for the convenience of exchange.

Hon. David M. Hoy
Superintendent

Very Respectfully
E. H. Cobb
Jr.

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U. S. Mint.
Phila. Pa.,
March 17. 1887

M. H. Cobb.
Cashier.

In compliance with request of Director of 17. inst, sends statement, as to the uses to which Gold dollars are put.

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U. S. MINT, PHILA.

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT.

Washington, D. C., Feby. 21st, 1887.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to cause the following amounts to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mints at San Francisco and New Orleans to the Bullion Fund of your Mint, being the value of the coins of the first named institutions reserved during the calendar year 1886 and forwarded for test at the Annual Assay and now in your custody:

San Francisco	$24,600.— in gold,	$385.40 in silver
New Orleans	———	5,355.— in silver.

Very respectfully,

Jas P Kimball

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Feby 21st, 1887.

James P. Kimball

Director.

Has caused the value of the coins of Mint at San Francisco & N. O. to be transferred to Mint at Phila. for test coins at the annual assay.

RECEIVED FEB 23 1887 U.S. MINT, PHILA.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

29th January, 1887.

Sir

I would respectfully say, by a regulation of the former Director it was ordered, that all reverse dies not used during the year should be returned to this office from the other Mints at the end of each calendar year,

This regulation was established as it was found the other Mints were accumulating dies of other than the current year, and that a proper care or account was not kept of them, The object was, they should have dies for present use only. The Mint at San Francisco has complied with this regulation while the Mint at New Orleans has not, I have had no dies returned from this Mint for the years 1885 and 1886, I would beg leave to say that

I think this regulation was a good one, as it kept a thorough and complete account of the dies and their whereabouts, Under the practice of the Mint at New Orleans we have no account of dies left over from year to year which I think we ought to have, It may be they have used all dies furnished, but this I think hardly probable

Very respectfully

Chas. E. Barber

Engraver

Hon Daniel W. Fox

Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

January 27, 1887

Chas. E. Barber:

Engraver. ~~Superintendent.~~

A regulation made by the former Director ordered that all Reverse Dies not used during calendar year should be returned to Phila Mint.

Says that no such Dies have been returned from N. O. mint.

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JAN 27 1887
U. S. MINT, PHILA.

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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Jany. 18th, 1887.

Sir:

Instructions have been given the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to forward gold bullion deposited at that institution to your Mint instead of to the Assay Office at New York as heretofore.

You will receive the bullion so forwarded and as soon as the value of each shipment has been determined by melt and assay, forward the usual memorandum in order that a transfer of the same may be made from the bullion fund of the Helena office to that of your Mint.

The gold bullion deposited at the Helena Assay Office for the present will be forwarded by registered mail.

Very respectfully,
Jos. Wm. Dale
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

January 18, 1887.

James P. Kimball

Director.

Instructions have been given to the Assayer U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana, to forward Gold Bullion to Phila. Mint, instead of to the U. S. Assay Office N. Y. as heretofore.
Receive the Bullion & as soon as value is determined by "melt & assay" forward usual memo. that transfer may be made.

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JAN 19 1887
U.S. MINT, PHILA.

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